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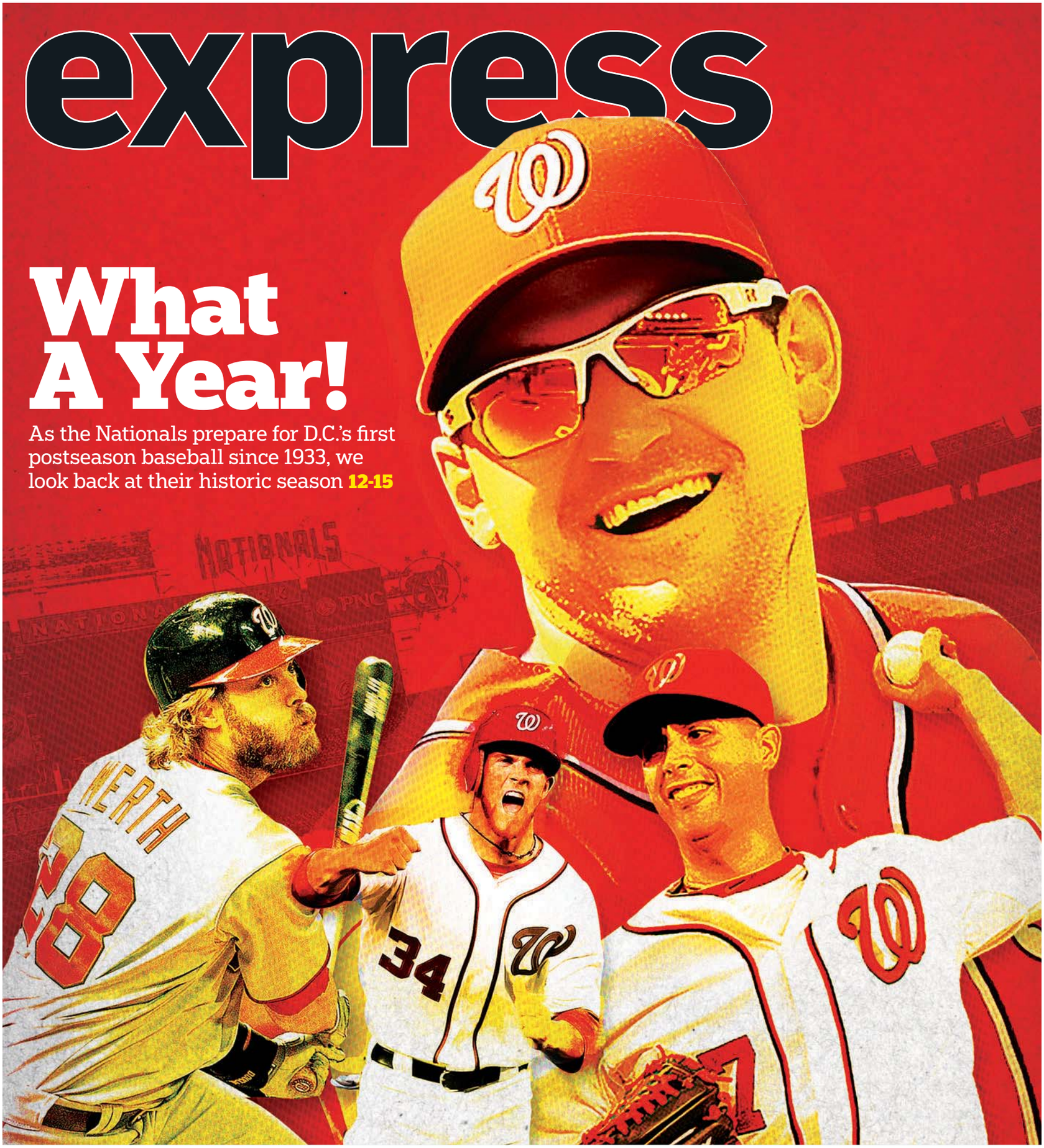

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JUST WATCHING

Vigilante Loiterer Captured

Police in Michigan say a man dressed as Batman got in the way of their investigation into a personal injury accident. Mark Wayne Williams is charged in Emmet County with one count of resisting and obstructing police. Williams showed up at the accident scene Saturday night wearing a Batman outfit and wouldn't leave. His presence confused the police dog, who was trying to pick up scents at the accident scene. (AP)

NOVEL

Surely It's Sellable on Etsy

Bees in the Alsace region of France have been producing blue and green honey, mystifying beekeepers, the Telegraph reported. The cause: a biogas plant nearby that processes waste from Mars (the candy company, not the planet). Dyes used to color M&M shells are contaminating the honey, which is not sellable. (EXPRESS)

RELATIONSHIPS

Warning Signs: She Loved Fireworks, Hated Thongs

Authorities say a California woman believed to be distraught over a breakup was charged with trying to torch a lingerie store where her ex-boyfriend bought underthings. Prosecutors say Jennifer Colwell pleaded not guilty Wednesday to felony arson. Police said the breakup led her to stuff a pillowcase with gifts her ex bought at Intimate Obsessions, soak the pillowcase in gasoline and set it on fire. (AP)

The Big Picture

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A MOMENT TO CHERISH FOREVER: A girl cries as a massive hand approaches her during the Human Body Parts performance on a street in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday. The performance is part of the Hi Seoul Festival, which runs through Sunday.

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Wait, Who Are These Guys?

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Mitt Romney's aggressive showing Wednesday in Denver contrasted sharply with Barack Obama's subdued position.

The candidates onstage in Denver barely resembled the candidates seen on the trail

Denver

Wednesday's presidential debate was a tale of four candidates: the two men who stood on the stage for 90 minutes and the two rivals Americans have seen for months on the campaign trail and in television commercials. There was no comparison.

Start with President Barack Obama, who may have lost Wednesday's debate in as lopsided a manner as any incumbent in recent times. Other incumbents have stumbled in their first re-election campaign debates. Ronald Reagan in 1984 and George W. Bush in 2004 come to mind. Both had bad moments that cost them the debate.

Obama didn't lose because he had a few bad moments. Mitt Romney dictated both the tone and the tempo of the evening, at times acting as candidate and moderator. Obama lacked energy stylistically, and he lacked crispness substantively. He sounded like he does in his press conferences, often giving longer answers than necessary.

This wasn't the Obama seen in Obama campaign commercials or in the daily scrum with Romney's campaign. His performance left Democrats wondering what happened.

Romney, too, seemed disconnected from the candidate Americans have seen over the past year. On the campaign trail, he is awkward. He is corny and wonky. Only in debates did he shine during the primaries, and on Wednesday night, he was back on comfortable ground.

Romney did what he wasn't fully able to do at his convention: make the debate as much about Obama's record as possible while giving viewers a better sense of what he would do as president to get the economy moving.

But who was the Romney Americans saw on Wednesday night? Not the candidate who lurched to the right to win the nomination, nor the nominee of a Republican Party that is more conservative than it was when conservative icon Reagan was president. This was moderate Mitt from Massachusetts, the turnaround artist with a plan to fix the economy.

In a few days, it will become clear whether or how much Wednesday's debate changed things. But for now, Romney far exceeded expectations, and for now, that has made this a different contest. DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Just the Facts?

Would Mitt Romney's tax plan really add $5 trillion to the deficit? Would President Barack Obama cut $716 billion from Medicare? Not quite. The Fact Checker weighs in at washingtonpost.com/blogs/fact-checker/.

Excuses, Excuses

Wednesday night's presidential debate left many speculating what happened to the two candidates:

- **Fake Mitt?** The Daily Beast reported President Barack Obama explained the debate on Thursday as such: "When I got onto the stage, I met this very spirited fellow who claimed to be Mitt Romney."
- **Al-titude?** Former Vice President Al Gore said Wednesday on his Current TV network that the altitude may have affected Obama: "When you go to 5,000 feet and you only have a few hours to adjust—I don't know." (AP/EXPRESS)

Upcoming Debates

- **Oct. 11:** Vice presidential debate on foreign and domestic policy in Danville, Ky.
- **Oct. 16:** Presidential town-meeting format debate on foreign and domestic policy in Hempstead, N.Y.
- **Oct. 22:** Presidential debate on foreign policy in Boca Raton, Fla.

46% **The amount of undecided voters** who said Mitt Romney won Wednesday's debate, compared to 22 percent who said President Barack Obama won, according to a CBS poll. A CNN/Opinion Research poll released after the debate showed that 67 percent of viewers thought Romney won, while 25 percent said the same of Obama. (TWP)

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In Brief

ATLANTA

CDC: Recalled Steroid Shipped to 23 States

The steroid medication suspected in an outbreak of a rare kind of meningitis was shipped to 23 states, including Maryland and Virginia, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The specialty pharmacy that made the steroid, New England Compounding Center of Framingham, Mass., recalled three lots of the drug last week and has shut down operations. (AP)

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Man Gets 10 Years for Attack on Abortion Clinic

A homeless man was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison Thursday for the New Year's Day firebombing of a violence-plagued abortion clinic in Pensacola, Fla. Bobby Joe Rogers, 41, pleaded guilty in July to charges of arson and damaging a reproductive health facility. The American Family Planning Clinic was the site of a double-murder in 1994 when an anti-abortion activist killed a doctor and the doctor's security escort. It was bombed in 1984. (AP)

Uncle Joe Wants You!

NATI HARNIK/AP

JOE BIDEN GOES ON THE ATTACK at a rally in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Thursday, a day after President Barack Obama's poor debate. Mitt Romney's running mate, Paul Ryan, is a "smart guy," the vice president said. "I just fundamentally disagree with everything he has to say about" the federal budget.

1B Friends and Counting

More than a billion people now log in to Facebook each month to check up on old friends, tag photos of new ones and post about politics, cats or their kids. That's double the 500 million it hit in July 2010. CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page: "Helping a billion people connect is amazing, humbling and by far the thing I am most proud of in my life." (AP)

Study Touts Effects Of Free Birth Control

Doctors: Sharp drop seen in abortions, teenage pregnancies

Washington

Free birth control led to dramatically lower rates of abortions and teen births, a large study concluded Thursday, offering strong evidence for how a bitterly contested Obama administration policy could benefit women's health.

The project tracked more than 9,000 women in St. Louis, many of them poor or uninsured. They were given their choice of a range of contraceptive methods at no cost, from birth control pills to the IUD.

When price wasn't an issue, women flocked to the most effective contraceptives — the implanted options. These women experienced far fewer unintended pregnancies as a result, Dr. Jeffrey Peipert said in a study published Thursday.

The effect on teen pregnancy was striking: There were 6.3 births per 1,000 teens in the study. Compare that to a national rate of 34 births per 1,000 teens in 2010.

There also were substantially lower rates of abortion: 4.4 to 7.5 abortions per 1,000 women in the study, Peipert calculated. The national rate is almost 20 abortions per 1,000 women.

The findings come as millions of U.S. women are gaining access to contraception without copays under President Barack Obama's health-care law. (AP)

Backstory

President Barack Obama's health-care law requires Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives be available for free for women enrolled in most workplace insurance plans. The policy is among the law's most contentious, because it exempts churches but requires religious-affiliated organizations such as colleges or hospitals to provide the coverage. (AP)

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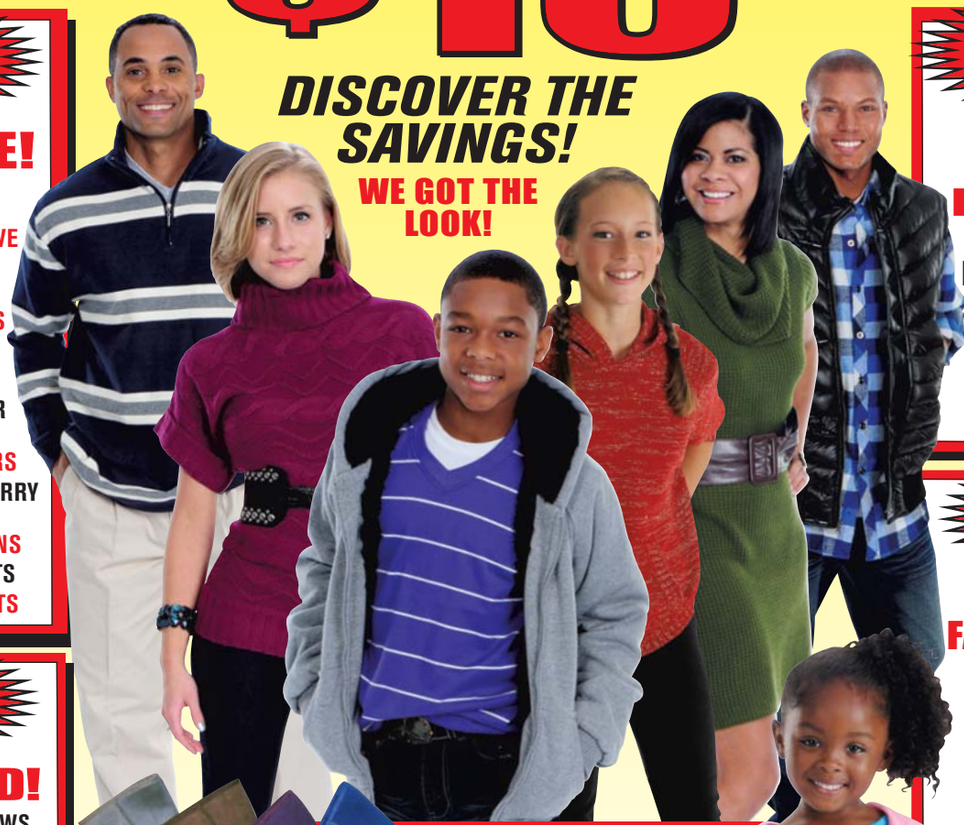

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World

In Brief

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Karzai Pledges '14 Vote Will Continue as Planned

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Thursday his country's 2014 presidential election will be held on time, though the vote will coincide with the final withdrawal of U.S. and NATO combat troops from Afghanistan. Opposition groups have expressed concern that Karzai would seek to stay beyond his term limit. (AP)

TUNIS, TUNISIA

Death Penalty Sought Over Anti-U.S. Violence

Tunisian authorities are seeking the death penalty against several suspects who have been detained over attacks on the U.S. Embassy and the neighboring American school last month, defense lawyers said Thursday. The Sept. 14 violence came amid roiling protests across the Muslim world over an anti-Islam film produced in the U.S. (AP)

AMMAN, JORDAN

Parliament Dissolved

King Abdullah II dissolved his parliament, setting the stage for elections, Jordan's royal palace said Thursday. Abdullah said recently that a new parliament will elect a prime minister early next year, in response to popular demands. Previously, the king has appointed the premier. (AP)

Turkey OKs Assaults on Syria

PM: Decision is not declaration of war but defensive action

Akcakale, Turkey

Turkey sanctioned further military action against Syria on Thursday and bombarded targets across the border with artillery for a second day, raising the stakes in a conflict that increasingly is bleeding outside Syrian territory.

Though both sides moved to calm tensions, Turkey's parliament overwhelmingly approved a bill allowing the military to conduct cross-border operations into Syria — making clear that Ankara, its capital, has military options that do not involve its Western or Arab allies.

It was the most dramatic escalation in tensions between the countries, which were close allies before the revolt against Syrian President Bashar Assad began in March 2011. Over the past 18 months, however, Turkey has become one of the strongest critics of the Syrian regime, accusing it of savagery and massacres against the opposition.

BULENT KILIC/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Women grieve Thursday in Akcakale, Turkey, after a cross-border attack from Syria killed five Turkish civilians — including three children — in the town Wednesday.

The rebels who are trying to oust Assad have used Turkey as their base, enraging a regime that accuses foreign countries of fomenting the unrest inside Syria.

The spark for the latest hostility was a mortar shell fired from Syria that slammed into a house in the Turkish border village of Akcakale on Wednesday, killing two women and three children.

The Turkish response to the Syrian shelling was swift — it fired salvos of artillery rounds inside Syria, contacted its NATO allies and convened parliament for a vote authorizing further cross-border military operations if necessary.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Thursday that Turkey did not want war with Syria. "We want peace and security and nothing else," he said.

Erdogan also suggested that the Syrian shelling was not accidental, saying that shells had fallen on Turkey on seven previous occasions since Syria's civil war began.

MEHMET GUZEL AND SUZAN FRASER (AP)

"Turkey is ... capable of protecting its people and borders. No one should attempt to test our determination on the issue."

— **RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN,** TURKEY'S PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING THURSDAY, A DAY AFTER A CROSS-BORDER ATTACK FROM SYRIA KILLED FIVE TURKS

Backstory

Syria and Turkey, which share a 566-mile frontier, have a fraught history. Turkey nearly went to war with its neighbor over Syrian support for Turkish Kurdish rebels in the 1990s. But the relationship improved over the past decade since Syria's now-embattled president, Bashar Assad, came to power. (AP)

Emissions Accomplished: Poland sold $52 million worth of CO2 emission rights to Spain on Thursday after bringing its own emissions below required limits. Poland says the money from the deal — its largest sale to date of CO2 emission rights— will fund environmentally friendly city transport and lighting. The money will also go toward development of renewable energy sources, insulation of buildings and modernization of its energy grid. (AP)

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World

India's Power Thieves Dim Economic Progress

Modinagar, India

It is no fun being an honest inspector for a state electricity board in India.

Across the country, consumers steal electricity on a massive scale, hooking onto power lines illegally or bypassing meters. Vote-hungry politicians protect the thieves, making any attempt to catch and punish culprits a dangerous game.

"There is a lot of political interference," inspector Ved Prakash Agrawal said during a raid on the outskirts of the town of Modinagar. "The local politicians say, 'I will have you killed, I will have you suspended, I will have you transferred.' They complain to our higher-ups. It is very difficult."

Roughly a quarter of all power generated in India is either stolen or lost in transmission. Still more is given to farmers; the rest is sold to consumers for a loss, pushing state electricity companies toward bankruptcy, resulting in daily blackouts and undermining India's economic prospects.

Backstory

India's state electricity companies have run up losses of $46 billion. As a result, the companies have little money to invest in equipment or pay salaries. Last week, India's cabinet approved a debt-restructuring deal for the state electricity boards, relief based on whether they improve their performance and do more to stem losses. (TWP)

The power problem, analysts say, symbolizes the way Indian democracy often fails to meet its voters' most basic aspirations. And the Confederation of Indian Industry says the power situation is the main obstacle to attracting investment into Uttar Pradesh state and is contributing to an exodus of skilled, ambitious young people.

Yet across India, the picture is not uniformly bleak. A few states, and the capital of Delhi, have seen success in reforming their power sectors in the past decade.

SIMON DENYER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Early Dusting Catches Canada by Surprise

JOHNWOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

CORN PLANTS BEAR A COAT OF SNOW Thursday near Steinbach, Manitoba, after a storm blew through the region. Early snowstorms also hit the U.S. Midwest, and the National Weather Service predicted parts of North Dakota and Minnesota could get more than 12 inches of snow by Friday.

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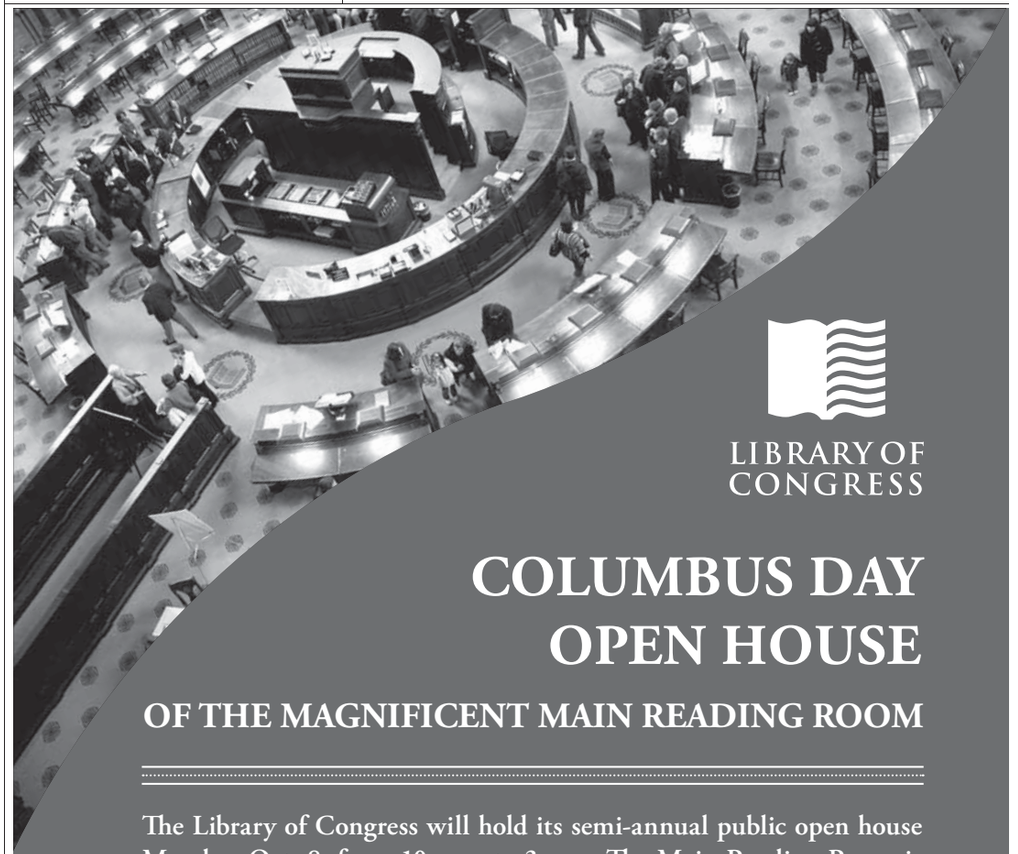

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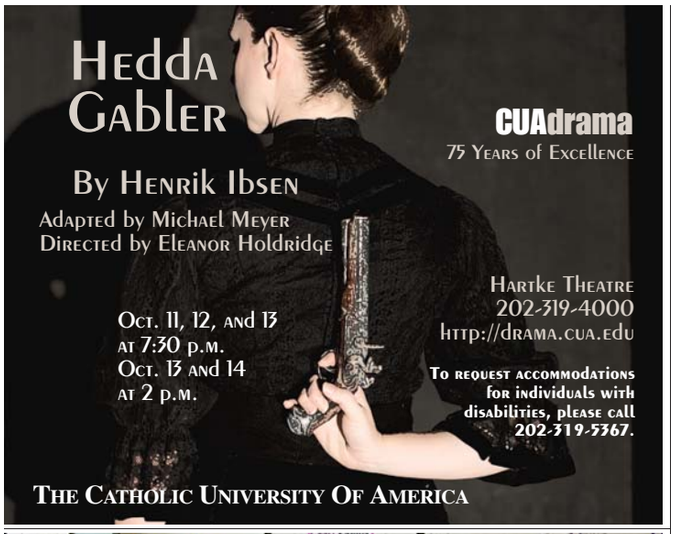

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Reeking Havoc

As a fitness reporter, I often get stinky on the job. And sometimes I have to hit the Metro before I hit the showers. Ideally, I can find an empty spot to stand in, but there have definitely been times when I've been smushed into a railcar and had to grab a high railing, which requires unleashing an armpit on the world.

I sincerely apologize for these odor offenses, but at least I'm not carcinogenic. The same can't be said for folks who light up on Metro's train platforms and escalators and at bus shelters. Fed up with having to breathe in secondhand smoke, rider Jamie Berke just launched an online petition at Change.org asking WMATA to enforce its system-wide no-smoking policy.

Berke's smoke allergy flares up every time she has to make her way through a nicotine cloud to get to her train. She said complaining to Metro hasn't done her any good, and she suspects smokers will continue to puff away on escalators because of where the ashtrays are located. When you see one filled with butts just before the faregates, it's easy to assume that's where you're supposed to take your final drag.

By Vicky Hallett

Smokefree DC, which helped Berke put together the petition, said it has alerted WMATA about the problems for years. At a 2006 meeting, co-founder Angela Bradbery said she was told that "No Smoking" signs would go up soon. Six years later, zilch — and she doesn't see any indications that will be changing.

"Once I even saw a Metro employee smoking on the escalator as I was huffing and puffing behind her," Bradbery says. "Obviously, they have other big issues to address, but this is a health and safety issue, too."

And it could be addressed simply by adding a few signs and subtracting a few ashtrays.

Contrast that with the more mysterious aromas riders regularly encounter. On Twitter on Wednesday, @ArminRosen put it like this: "Foggy Bottom right now is what the first few hours of Chernobyl must have smelled like."

The blog Unsuck DC Metro has been on the case for months, trying to determine whether organic brake pads are the source of the smell or whether there's another culprit.

All I know is that it can't possibly be me. I haven't been at Foggy Bottom at all this week.

Red, Orange Lines to See Weekend Work

Washington

Metro is planning to use the Columbus Day holiday for an extra day of track maintenance.

Metro says that starting Friday evening and continuing through Monday, it will do track work on the Red and Orange lines. On the Red Line, trains will share a single track between Judiciary Square and Fort Totten. As a result, customers traveling on the eastern part of the line should add 20 minutes to their travel time. Customers traveling the western part of the line and downtown can expect 10 additional minutes of travel time.

Metro says Orange Line trains will share a single track between Stadium-Armory and Cheverly. Customers traveling to and from stations east of Stadium-Armory should allow 15 minutes of additional travel time.

Around the region, there will be no Maryland Area Regional Commuter train or Virginia Railway Express service Monday.

(AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Police Release Sketch of Springfield Serial Groper

Police sketch

A woman was grabbed and groped in Springfield on Sept. 19, making it the fifth such attack in the area over the past month, Fairfax County police said Thursday. The woman described the man as Hispanic, in his 30s and about 5-foot-8. She said he had dark eyes and a neatly trimmed beard and wore a black and white bandana and black nylon pants. None of the victims were seriously injured. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON

Pro-Israel Ads Weighed By Judge Before Display

A federal judge will issue a ruling soon on whether the D.C. transit system must be forced to allow a pro-Israel ad that equates Muslim radicals with savages. The Metro system has delayed putting the ads up because of the violent reaction in the Middle East to the "Innocence of Muslims" video, which denigrated the Prophet Muhammad. The system says it wants to protect the safety of its riders and employees. The group behind the ads, the American Freedom Defense Initiative, argued at a hearing Thursday that the Metro system's decision violated the First Amendment. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Microsoft Named Finalist For St. Elizabeths Site

Microsoft is a contender to build a new facility in economically disadvantaged Southeast Washington. The Washington Post reports that Mayor Vincent Gray's administration has named Microsoft and two other technology companies as preferred candidates to open facilities on the east campus of St. Elizabeths Hospital. The other two companies are French lighting firm Citelum and Atlanta-based SmartBIM, an architectural marketing company. District of Columbia officials picked the three finalists from among 10 proposals. (AP)

D.C. Bars Prep for Later Nights

42 establishments are allowed to serve alcohol until 4 a.m.

Washington

If you ever wanted to dance or drink until the sun rises, this may be the weekend to check out a bar or restaurant in the District.

The D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration has granted 42 bars and restaurants permission to remain open round-the-clock on Monday, Columbus Day, and serve alcohol until 4 a.m., the first test of a new city policy permitting extended alcohol sales before holidays.

As part of the District's fiscal 2013 budget that took effect Oct. 1, D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray and the D.C. Council agreed to permit more late-night partying on the nights before official federal and District holidays. The change, a priority of Gray's, was designed to raise an additional $3 million in revenue from alcohol sales.

But before bars and restaurants can take advantage of the extended hours, they had to register with the alcohol board and submit details about how they planned to control potential crowds and noise.

Fred P. Moosally, director of ABRA, said his agency received 57 applications for extended hours for the night before Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

EVY MAGE/FTWP

18th Street Lounge is one of the bars that can stay open 24 hours Monday.

Of those, 42 have been granted permission to serve alcohol until 4 a.m. and operate 24 hours into the holiday.

The list of establishments that are allowed to serve alcohol until 4 a.m., two hours later than the current 2 a.m. closing time, from Sunday into Monday, includes several of the largest clubs in the city. The U Street Music Hall, Ultrabar, Cobalt, Cafe Asia, 18th Street Lounge, Lima Restaurant and Lounge, Opera Ultra Lounge and even Dangerously Delicious Pies DC have all been granted approval to serve alcohol until 4 a.m. Monday and on subsequent holidays through the end of the year.

But it was unclear Thursday whether all the establishments that have been granted permission plan to keep their doors open later.

TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Troubled Waters on the Mall

MATT MCCLAIN/FTWP

KENNY LEIZURE OF J.P. SEWOROOTER INC. leaps as he makes his way across the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool as workers attempt to rid it of algae Thursday. The draining process began Wednesday. | **postlocal.com**

Ex-Environmental Head Claims Wrongful Firing

Washington

The D.C. government's former environmental director said he was wrongly fired by Mayor Vincent Gray, a Democrat, for voicing concern over an effort to delay a tunnel project designed to stop massive amounts of wastewater from washing into the city's polluted rivers and creeks.

In a federal whistleblower complaint filed at the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration last week, Christophe Tulou said his firing in August was in retaliation for expressing concern to the Environmental Protection Agency about a proposal to delay a portion of the tunnel for eight years while the city used an experimental "green" project to soak up storm water. He told the EPA there was reason to doubt the experiment, which the mayor supports, would work as well as the pipes called for in the original plan.

Tulou, who led the D.C. Department on the Environment, said he and his staff were worried that if the experiment failed, the city would fall short of its obligation to clean Rock Creek and the Potomac and Anacostia rivers as required by a 2005 consent decree under the Clean Water Act. The giant tunnel project is part of a wider multibillion-dollar effort to comply with the decree.

His whistleblower complaint was first reported in the Washington Times. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Oct. 4

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Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-8-5-7
Match 5 (Tues.)	9-18-21-30-34 (8)

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-6-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	0-3-3
Mid-day DC 4	7-9-4-6
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	1-2-3-8
Mid-day D.C. Five	0-7-2-6-3
Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	5-3-5-5-6

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	2-2-7
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	6-3-0
Mid-day Pick 4	8-5-4-9
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	1-2-6-5
Mid-day Cash 5	8-11-21-24-32
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	8-14-20-25-34

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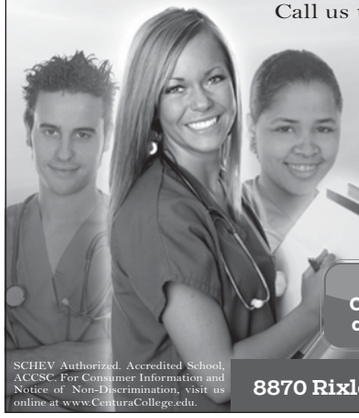

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Finally.

Ryan Zimmerman was 20 years old when he stepped to the plate for the first time at RFK Stadium on Sept. 2, 2005. In the top of the fifth inning against Philadelphia starter Vicente Padilla, Zimmerman — the first draft pick of the latest incarnation of the Nationals — laced a double to deep center field. It was his second career at bat, and he was hitting .500. When the inning ended, he was stranded at second base. The Phillies went on to beat the Nationals 7-1. And for the next six years, things were much the same for Zimmerman and the Nationals: He almost always delivered, but the team around him just couldn't put it together.

By the start of the 2006 season, Zimmerman had assumed the starting third base job and was being touted as the face of the fledgling franchise in a town desperately short on star power. He played a kazoo in commercials for a local Mercedes dealership and starred opposite the Geico caveman in other spots. He wasn't exactly a natural in front of the camera. But on the field, he was.

On Father's Day 2006, he hit a walk-off two-run home run to beat the Yankees. In 2007, he hit a walk-off grand slam at 1:42 a.m. to beat the Marlins. In 2008, his walk-off homer gave the Nationals a win as they opened up their new stadium on the Anacostia waterfront. These were moments of magic.

"I haven't even thought about myself or how long I've been here because all of these other guys deserve it just as much as I do."

— **NATIONALS THIRD BASEMAN RYAN ZIMMERMAN,** ABOUT HIS SEVEN-YEAR WAIT TO MAKE THE POSTSEASON

But until Monday night, he had never sprayed champagne in the clubhouse, never poured a beer over a teammate's head in celebration. When Washington clinched the National League East championship, Zimmerman admitted he was in new territory as the team made its way to the clubhouse.

"I didn't know what to expect," Zimmerman said. "I just went in there and did what everyone else did."

Outfielder Jayson Werth, a veteran of such postgame parties, tossed Zimmerman a pair of ski goggles. A little precaution to protect the eyes from flying corks and erupting booze.

"I think this is four, five, six — six for sure," said Werth, who won four division titles with Philadelphia and one with Los Angeles. "A guy like Ryan Zimmerman has never done it before."

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'Odds ... in My Favor'

Bryce Harper is 19 years old. Too young for alcohol, he celebrated in the clubhouse with Adam LaRoche's son, Drake. The two took turns pouring apple cider over each other's heads.

Harper, who has known precious little failure in his life, says he aims to win a division title every year, for a long time to come.

"I want 20," he said, only half in jest. "I can tell you right now, I want 20."

Zimmerman probably wanted that, too, once.

In 2005, when he was a September call-up, the Nationals won 81 games. The season ended on a skid, but baseball was still new here and there was optimism, realistic or not. Six losing seasons followed.

Still, as the last year of his contract approached, Zimmerman felt indebted to the organization, and this spring, he signed a contract extension, forgoing an opportunity at free agency and instead committing to the franchise through the 2019 season.

"The odds were in my favor that I was going to win at some point here, right?" he said. "I love this town, obviously. They took a chance on me at a young age, they let me come right in and I guess put me right in the middle of it. For a team to take a chance on me like that, I felt obligated and thought I should stay here and give them what they gave me, which is my career."

A shoulder injury put him on the disabled list in April and bothered him for much of the first half of the season. Through 55 games, he was hitting .218 with three home runs. A cortisone injection on June 24 seemed to turn things around. In the next 25 games, he hit .392 with 11 home runs. He finished the regular season hitting .282 with 25 home runs and 95 RBI.

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Nats third baseman Ryan Zimmerman throws the ball to first base against the New York Yankees on June 17. He'll play in the first playoff game of his career Sunday.

Zimmerman's Biggest Moments

Ryan Zimmerman's three most memorable home runs for the Nationals:

June 18, 2006
The Nationals beat the Yankees with Zimmerman's two-run homer.

May 13, 2007
Zimmerman hit a walk-off grand slam at 1:42 a.m. to beat the Florida Marlins.

March 30, 2008
His walk-off home run secures a win in the first game at Nationals Park.

All Together Now

As important as his own stellar season, is that he finally had a supporting cast to keep up with him. Werth, Harper, LaRoche, Michael Morse and Ian Desmond provided ample support in the lineup. Stephen Strasburg, Gio Gonzalez and Jordan Zimmermann became a dominant top of the rotation.

Washington held first place since May 22.

"Everyone came together and everyone did so many things to help us get to where we're at," Zimmerman said. "I haven't even thought about myself or how long I've been here because all these other guys deserve it just as much as I do."

But that's not exactly true. The rest of the team certainly earned their lofty place this season, but none deserve it more than Zimmerman.

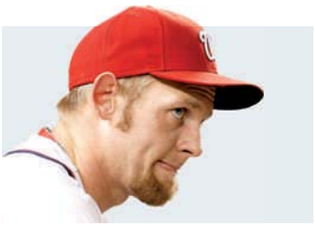
He is the same player he's always been. This year, his teammates didn't leave him stranded.

DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Biggest Moments of Nats' 2012 Season

1 Clinching the Division Title

It took a little longer than the team or its fans wanted, and relying on the Pirates to beat the Braves on Monday night made it a little anticlimatic. But seeing the champagne (and cider) get popped was worth it.



2 Shutting Down Strasburg

The Nats proved they would follow through with their plan, ending Stephen Strasburg's season Sept. 8 after a rocky start. Manager Davey Johnson and GM Mike Rizzo said all the scrutiny on the ace's innings limit finally got to Strasburg, cutting his season short by one start.

3 'That's a Clown Question, Bro'

Bryce Harper added to his legend nearly every night in his record-setting rookie season, but few moments endeared him to fans more than his retort in June to a Toronto reporter's query about whether the 19-year-old would take advantage of Canada's lower drinking age.

4 Gio Gonzalez Wins His 20th

We won't know for some time whether the lefty will win the Cy Young, but Gonzalez became the first D.C. pitcher since Bob Porterfield in 1953 to win 20 games on Sept. 22. Gonzalez also is the first D.C. pitcher to register 200 strikeouts since Walter Johnson did so 96 years ago.

5 Teddy Finally Wins a Race

The Nats capped off their incredible season Wednesday with a nod to the fans eager for Teddy to break through in the Presidents Race. As a bonus, Washington clinched the best record in baseball with a win over the Phillies. But Teddy was the talk of the town. (EXPRESS)

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There's No Reason To Doubt the Nats

You'd be surprised how often I'm asked whether the Nationals have a shot at winning the World Series. Despite a plethora of injuries this year, they enter the playoffs with the best record in baseball and are at full strength — except for that Strasburg guy.

By Matt Swenson

Even better, the stress of trying to clinch the National League East is done with.

It's a new season, and the Nats are probably thinking they might as well go all the way since they made it this far. That's the attitude fans should take.

Sure, there are obstacles.

The more immediate concern is the Nats won't be playing in D.C. again until Wednesday.

First, Stephen Strasburg won't be pitching. At least Washington has five other quality starters — including John Lannan — to make up for that loss.

The more immediate concern is the Nats won't be playing in D.C. again until Wednesday — Game 3 of the NLDS — despite having home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Major League Baseball has this one-year fluke in which the wild-card team — St. Louis or Atlanta, in this case — will host the first two games of the series in order prevent a travel day before a potential Game 5. It's simply unfair, even if the rule is for this season only.

Fortunately, the Nats won 48 games on the road and 50 at home. Hopefully, they won't come back here facing elimination. All season, the Nationals overcame the odds. Why should that change now?

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How They Got Here

When the Expos moved to D.C. in 2005, they had been stripped of their top prospects through a series of trades made by Major League Baseball — which took control of the team in 2002 — to cut payroll. It took eight years, but after a combination of top drafting, wise trades and shrewd free-agent signings, the Nats are NL East champs. Here are some of the key moves to build a winner:

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2004

1 2012 All-Star Ian Desmond was the Expos' third-round pick in the draft.

2005

2 Third baseman Ryan Zimmerman was taken with the fourth overall pick, the Nats' first draft choice since moving to D.C.

3 Reliever Craig Stammen was taken in the 12th round.

2007

4 Southpaw Ross Detwiler was chosen with the sixth overall pick of the draft.

5 Righty Jordan Zimmermann was taken in the second round.

6 Reliever Tyler Clippard was acquired in a trade with the Yankees for pitcher Jonathan Albaladejo.

2009

7 Stephen Strasburg was the No. 1 overall pick in the draft.

8 Closer Drew Storen was selected nine picks later.

9 Reliever Sean Burnett was acquired in a multiperson trade with the Pirates for Joel Hanrahan.

10 Slugger Michael Morse was acquired in a trade with Seattle for Ryan Langerhans.

2010

11 Outfielder Bryce Harper, then 17, was the top overall pick in the draft.

12 Outfielder Jayson Werth was signed to a seven-year, $126 million contract.

2011

13 Potential Cy Young winner Gio Gonzalez was acquired from the A's for four minor leaguers in an offseason trade.

14 First baseman Adam LaRoche signed a two-year, $16 million deal.

2012

15 Starting pitcher Edwin Jackson signed a one-year, $11 million contract.

16 Starting catcher Kurt Suzuki was acquired from the A's for David Freitas in August in a late-season trade.

(EXPRESS/TWP)

3.33 **The Nationals' ERA** this season, second-best in the majors behind Tampa Bay and best among the teams in the playoffs. Washington's pitching staff was fourth with 1,325 strikeouts this season — behind Milwaukee (1,402), Philadelphia (1,385) and Tampa Bay (1,383). (EXPRESS)

Showdown Scenarios

The Nationals had similar experiences this season with the Braves and Cardinals — they asserted dominance in early meetings and then got beat up in their most recent matchups. The Braves swept the Nationals in Atlanta from Sept. 14 to 16. Last weekend, the Cardinals took a three-game series from the Nationals, outscoring them 26-12, suffering their only loss in extra innings. Here's a look at the two teams vying to be the Nats' playoff opponent. They play each other Friday. (TWP/EXPRESS)

Atlanta Braves

Series record: 10-8, Nats outscored Braves 84-69

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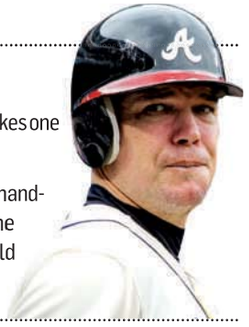
Memorable Games

June 28: Braves 11, Nats 10. The Nats were up 9-0 after five innings with Stephen Strasburg on the mound before the most painful loss of the season.

Aug. 21: Nats 4, Braves 1. Strasburg got his revenge, striking out 10 and allowing one run after weathering a rain delay. It was Strasburg's 15th — and final — win of the season.

Key Players



Chipper Jones: The 20-year veteran, right, makes one last run for a championship.

Kris Medlen: Atlanta has won when the right-hander has pitched 24-straight times, which is why he will start Friday in the wild-card game and would likely throw in Game 3 of the NLDS.

Summary

The Braves' sweep in September was a message that they aren't afraid of the Nats and spurred Atlanta to a stellar 12-5 record to end the season. Obviously, the teams know each other very well.

St. Louis Cardinals

Series record: 4-3, Nats outscored Cardinals 43-40

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Memorable Games

Aug. 31: Nats 10, Cardinals 0. Gio Gonzalez threw a rare complete game for his 17th win of the season, helping his cause for winning the Cy Young. On Thursday, Gonzalez won the Warren Spahn Award, given to the best left-handed pitcher in the major leagues.

Sept. 30: Cardinals 10, Nats 4. The Nats laid an egg with their magic number to win the division down to one game.

Key Players

Yadier Molina: The heralded catcher will earn MVP consideration after hitting .315 with 22 homers and 76 RBI this season.

David Freese: Forget about this year's stats (a respectable .293, 20 HR, 79 RBI); just watch the highlights of the 2011 playoffs to remember how clutch the star, right, is.

Summary

The defending champion Cardinals, who are 31-17 against southpaws this season, seem to pose a greater threat to the Nationals' starters than the Braves do.

Want More Nats? In The Washington Post today, find a special commemorative section looking back at the Nationals' 2012 season featuring commentary by Thomas Boswell and George Solomon, as well as all the facts and figures about the National League East champions.

Time Warp

The last time Washington had a baseball team in the playoffs was in 1933. Here's a look at the world back then:

News

President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the U.S., suffering through the Great Depression, had "nothing to fear but fear itself"; work began on the Golden Gate Bridge; and an early version of the game "Monopoly" was created.

Movies

Ginger Rogers danced into hearts on "42nd Street"; "King Kong" climbed the Empire State Building for the first time; and the Marx Brothers made "Duck Soup."

Music

Bing Crosby did the "Shadow Waltz"; Ethel Waters found "Stormy Weather"; and Duke Ellington was a hit with "Sophisticated Lady."

Sports

Michigan's and Princeton's college football teams went undefeated; the New York Rangers won their second Stanley Cup; and the Chicago Bears beat the New York Giants for the NFL title.

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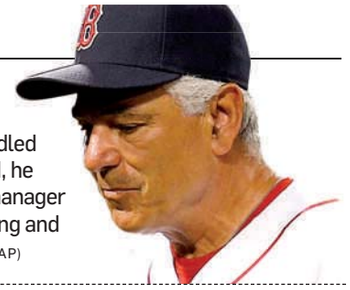

The Red Sox thought Bobby Valentine would restore order to a coddled clubhouse that disintegrated during the 2011 pennant race. Instead, he only caused more problems. The brash and supremely confident manager was fired Thursday, the day after a season beset with internal sniping and far too many losses came to a close. Boston went 69-93 this year. (AP)

TV Lineup

PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

Southpaw Joe Saunders will start for the Orioles in Friday's wild-card game.

Friday

5 P.M. The Atlanta Braves host the St. Louis Cardinals in the National League wild-card game. TBS
8 P.M. The Indiana Fever plays the Connecticut Sun in the WNBA's Eastern Conference finals. ESPN2
8:30 P.M. The Orioles play the slumping Texas Rangers in the American League wild-card game. TBS

Saturday

11:30 A.M. Navy plays Air Force in a heated football rivalry. CBS
12:30 P.M. The Virginia Tech Hokies try to get a much-needed win against North Carolina. Fox5
1 P.M. D.C. United takes on Toronto FC in a key matchup. CSN
3:30 P.M. Maryland starts its ACC schedule against Wake Forest. ESPNU
6 P.M. The A's play the Tigers in Game 1 of the AL Division Series. TBS
7:30 P.M. Can Notre Dame stay undefeated when it plays Miami in Chicago? NBC
9:30 P.M. The Giants and Reds start the NL Division Series. TBS

Sunday

1 P.M. The Ravens play the Chiefs in Kansas City. CBS
1 P.M. The Redskins try to upset the Falcons. Fox
2 P.M. The Chase for the Sprint Cup arrives in Talladega, Ala., for the Sam Roadside Assistance 500. ESPN

Griffin Turns It On

QB's mix of fun and serious makes him a hit with teammates

The Redskins

We've seen the fourth-quarte comeback. We've seen the Barney socks.

We've heard about the studiousness and the leadership. We've heard the disarming jokes.

Where does one stop and the other start? For Robert Griffin III, it's a well-defined line.

"Can't be 'on' all the time," the quarterback said with a smile Wednesday, days before the rookie leads Washington against the 4-0 Atlanta Falcons. "Guys would get discouraged. You've gotta be fun to be around."

1 P.M.
Sunday | Fox

Athletes are well-known for having on-off switches. Some of the nicest guys around become maniacs when they put on a uniform. Still, knowing when to be goofy and when to be serious isn't as straightforward as it sounds, as anyone in any workplace knows.

Teammates and coaches say Griffin already has it down pat, even though he's an NFL newbie.

Rookie of The Month

Redskins quarterback **Robert Griffin III** on Thursday was selected as the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month, the league announced. Griffin's passer rating of 103.2 ranks fourth in the NFL after four games. The rookie has completed 69.4 percent of his passes for 1,070 yards and four touchdowns and one interception. Griffin is one of only three rookies in NFL history to pass for 1,000 yards in his first four games. Griffin also has rushed for 234 yards and four touchdowns on 41 carries. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Real professionals are able to do that," linebacker Lorenzo Alexander said. "Some players aren't able to separate the two, but he has a great knack."

The Barney dinosaur socks made another appearance in the locker room a week ago. Griffin's weekly session with reporters is always good for at least a couple of good chuckles. Before Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, he was high-fiving and posing with fans when he emerged from the tunnel — something most players don't do — then flipped on the serious side in a matter of moments for pregame warmups.

At the end of the game, Griffin's serious side was on display when a malfunctioning headset forced him to improvise during the game-winning drive in the final two minutes. Griffin cleverly anticipated a blitz and called a quick pass that turned into a 20-yard gain for tight end Fred Davis.

> **"He can change very quickly from being very serious to being in a very jovial, joking mood."**
>
> — COACH **MIKE SHANAHAN**, ON REDSKINS ROOKIE QB ROBERT GRIFFIN III'S INFECTIOUS PERSONALITY

Once the 24-22 win was complete and the Redskins were 2-2, Griffin naturally was in a festive mood, but he was the only quarterback to celebrate a victory Sunday by stopping to sit on the stadium tunnel floor and do the now-familiar "Griffining" pose with Olympic track and field medalist Kellie Wells.

Teammates say it's no doubt a product of Griffin's background. Both parents were in the military, where on-duty and off-duty are clearly delineated.

"He was just brought up in that sense to know that, hey, when it's business, it's business," receiver Santana Moss said. "He's all about business when you're really around him, and then being a young guy, you're going to have to live some time — and you can see that in him. He has fun." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

3 Things to Watch

1. MVP: Atlanta is already planning its Matt Ryan-for-MVP campaign after the Falcons' 4-0 start. He has a 112.1 QB rating and is facing a suspect Redskins secondary this week.

2. Home-Field Advantage? The Redskins are trying to snap a seven-game skid at FedEx Field. Hey, if Teddy could finally win a Presidents Race, this might be doable, too.

3. Job Security: Billy Cundiff saved his job by making the game-winning field goal last Sunday. It won't take much reminding why he seemed to be headed out of town if he shanks a kick early on Sunday.

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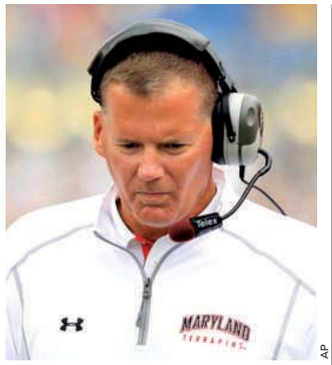
Terps Football

Thirteen days ago, the Maryland Terrapins went into the bye week following consecutive losses. Most teams in this scenario would be staring down two-straight weeks of grueling practices with coaches barking at them to get their act together. Instead, in College Park, there has been optimism — in short supply since the Terps' 2-10 debacle last year — because those two losses were encouraging.

A down-to-the-wire loss against Connecticut revealed a strong defense and a progressing offense. A 31-21 defeat at West Virginia, the No. 8 team in the country and one averaging 53 points per game, told the Terrapins (2-2) that they weren't as far off as people thought.



AP

Randy Edsall's Terrapins have lost two straight after starting 2-0 this year.

"I'm not pleased where we're at, because I'd like to have more wins," Terps coach Randy Edsall said. "I'm pleased with the improvements that I've seen taking place."

Boosting spirits is the growing realization that Maryland's ACC schedule, which begins Saturday at home against Wake Forest, isn't as tough as many thought it would be. The Terrapins' next five games — Wake, Virginia, N.C. State, Boston College and Georgia Tech — and the finale against North Carolina appear to be winnable, particularly if Maryland progresses.

Only late-season matchups against No. 3 Florida State and No. 15 Clemson look daunting. Win four of the final eight, and Maryland might slide into a bowl game.

"One thing that we want to be able to do is do well in the conference," Edsall said. "All of the games are important, but the conference games are even more important."

DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Sunday Pick 'Em

	Matt Swenson SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates LUNCHLINE; EXPRESS	Chris Williams BAR MANAGER, PUBLIC BAR	Dan Steinberg D.C. SPORTS BOG, THE WASHINGTON POST
FALCONS (MINUS 3) AT REDSKINS	**FALCONS** Matt Ryan is going to have a field day against the Redskins' defense.	**FALCONS** It's been a long time since the Redskins won at home. I'm not expecting it Sunday.	**REDSKINS** When Ryan's headset goes out during the 2-minute drill, it's an "accident."	**FALCONS** Please don't let it come down to Billy Cundiff, please don't let it come down to Billy Cundiff.
EAGLES (PLUS 3) AT STEELERS	**STEELERS** Vick is too turnover-prone to excel to win what should be a tight game.	**STEELERS** This was my preseason Super Bowl matchup pick, but I chose a different winner.	**STEELERS** Polamalu's hair and Harrison's scowl were the missing pieces to the Steel Curtain.	**EAGLES** Quaker State Bowl should be great. The Steelers' defense is not what it once was.
BRONCOS (PLUS 6.5) AT PATRIOTS	**PATRIOTS** You wonder if that second-half explosion last week means the Pats are back.	**PATRIOTS** The Gronkowski bowl should be a fun one, if they try to outdo one another's TD dances.	**PATRIOTS** Different team, different Peyton. Same Patriots, same Brady.	**PATRIOTS** Unless the game gets canceled in favor of a never-ending loop of Brady and Manning ads.
BILLS (PLUS 10) AT 49ERS	**49ERS** Bills looked really vulnerable last week. Don't expect a quick fix.	**49ERS** The Bills don't do the whole "on the road versus the NFC" thing very well these days.	**49ERS** Patrick Willis will give Ryan Fitzpatrick an atomic wedgie.	**49ERS** Remember when the Bills brought in a bunch of stars to keep rivals from scoring 700?
CHARGERS (PLUS 3.5) AT SAINTS	**SAINTS** Drew Brees won't set a TD record on national TV without also picking up a win.	**CHARGERS** Break out the paper bags: These actually are your father's Saints.	**SAINTS** Sean Payton resorts to "can-and-string" communication for Saints' first win.	**SAINTS** Just feels inevitable. Like a Norv Turner team coming up short at the least convenient time.

Season tally: Arnie Applebaum, 13-7; Public Bar, 13-7; Matt Swenson, 12-8; Ivan Carter, 12-8; Clinton Yates, 11-9; Dan Steinberg, 7-13

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Richard Stanfill, with girlfriend Megan Hailey, likes the happy hours his building, the Gramercy at Metropolitan Park in Arlington, throws to get residents mingling.

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Perks

Richard Stanfill, a self-styled "military brat," has lived in apartments all over the world. But it wasn't until two years ago when he moved into the Gramercy at Metropolitan Park — where he gets to attend monthly happy hours in the billiards room and Fourth of July celebrations in the park out front — that he finally felt at home.

In a transient market like the D.C. area, apartment buildings such as the Gramercy are finding ways to foster a sense of community within. If the residents enjoy time with their neighbors, there's a better shot they'll stick around for another year when it's time to renew that lease. Buildings are hosting everything from running clubs to cooking classes to pub crawls. It's like living in a college dorm — but without that whole "college" part.

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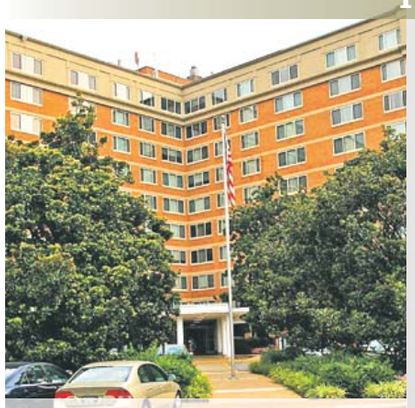

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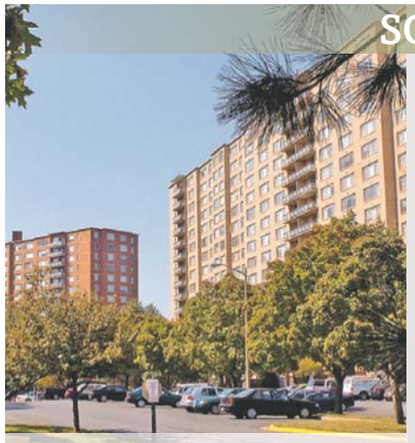

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Social Activities

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From January through May of this year, the Gramercy (550 14th Road South, Arlington, 703-486-4270, Metgramercy.com) hosted a monthly happy hour near the lobby-level pool table and, when the weather was nice, out back in the courtyard garden. In late August, after three happy-hour-free months, Stanfill, 29, wanted to know where the beer-flowing socials had gone. He posted the question to the building's Facebook wall.

"We've been trying to mix things up," management quickly responded, "with our Breakfast on the Go earlier this month and our upcoming Poolside Ice Cream Sundae Bar."

The plethora of events is thanks to Barbara Smith, the lead resident services coordinator at the Gramercy. She says the building hosts happenings so residents can get to know one another and "keep that home feel in the building."

nextweek

When one group of D.C. renters wasn't happy with the management, they formed a co-op and bought the building. Find out how next week.

Each year, the Gramercy partners with another Kettler property located next door, the Millennium (1330 S. Fair St., Arlington, 866-333-7158, Metmillennium.com), to throw a massive Fourth of July celebration. Under a huge tent in the park between the two buildings, they serve up a full picnic spread: hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, etc. They provide beer and wine inside one of the buildings for the over-21 crowd, and they bring in stilt walkers, a moon bounce and a face painter for the kids. "It's almost like a country fair," Smith says.

KEVIN DIETSCH PHOTOS/FOR EXPRESS

The Gramercy at Metropolitan Park offers happy hour around the pool table, where Richard Stanfill and his girlfriend, Megan Hailey, play, at left, and an Internet cafe, above.

Activities such as these help residents get to know one another and have even spawned friendships. At the poolside ice-cream social this summer, a group of women came up with the idea of starting a book club in the building.

"These people had never met each other before," Smith says. "They went to that ice-cream party and became friends. That's when you know you've got a hit."

Social clubs are a huge part of the culture at RiverHouse (1400 S. Joyce St., Arlington, 888-217-8530, Riverhouseapts.com), an apartment building about a mile down the road.

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> — **BARBARA SMITH,** WHO SCHEDULES EVENTS AT THE GRAMERCY AT METROPOLITAN PARK, WAS THRILLED WHEN A GROUP OF RESIDENTS WHO MET AT A BUILDING EVENT STARTED THEIR OWN BUILDING BOOK CLUB.

"It can be difficult to meet new people in D.C., especially if you are not from this area," says Assistant Resident Services Manager Jessica Fill. "Our clubs are a great platform for our residents to branch out."

RiverHouse now has four clubs: running (the most popular group with 80 members), cycling, tennis and stitch (i.e. needlework). Each club has a Facebook page where members can find a tennis partner or schedule a jog or bike ride.

Social activities are just as popular in buildings in the District, too.

Raphaele Latillade, 41, has been renting an apartment in the Flats 130 at Constitution Square (130 M St., NE, 866-300-2916, Flats130.com) since 2010. This year, she has attended a building-organized girls' jewelry night with champagne and cupcakes as well as an ice-cream social ("Gigantic waffle cones with three scoops!"). She also took her puggle (half pug/half beagle) named Journey Rose to some of the building's dog happy, er, yappy hours.

The good times are not limited to traditional renters — even someone who sublets can grab a cocktail with neighbors.

Both owners and renters in Lovejoy Lofts (440 12th St. NE, 202-543-2272, Atlasprop.us) in Capitol Hill get together for events such as pub crawls on the nearby H Street corridor. "It's really nice to give people a chance to meet other residents," says Kathy Hardy, a social committee member.

While landlords can't control when their residents need to move away for work or start a new family, social events such as these can help them hold on to the ones who stay in town.

Buildings like the Gramercy are clearly doing something right, because Stanfill — who has lived in Guam, England and across the U.S. — doesn't want to move. "This is the best place I've ever lived," he says. **TRACY KRULIK (FOR EXPRESS)**

PRICE POINT

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Spring Valley

2BR: 4000 47th St. NW

$2,300

Curved archways and yellow walls add charm to this 880-square-foot two-bedroom. Large windows — and a sunroom in the back — give the apartment an airy feel, except in the narrow, rectangular kitchen, which is a tight squeeze. American University is in walking distance, as are shops and restaurants. Tenleytown Metro is a little more than a mile away. **Contact:** Brian Atlas, UIP Property Management, 240-483- 9310, batlas@uippm.com **EMMA BECK (EXPRESS)**

Penn Quarter

1BR: 701 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

$2,500

Yes, this eclectically furnished one-bedroom is 500 square feet and in the heart of trendy Penn Quarter. But that is merely an afterthought when you see its 120-square-foot private balcony with a view of downtown D.C. The downside: The apartment's sole bedroom is windowless. The building boasts a roof deck and a 24-hour gym with sauna down the hall. The Archives/ Navy Memorial Metro is right outside. **Contact:** Rouzita Vahhabaghai, owner, 202-641-6277, rouzita@gmail.com

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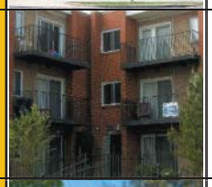
DC		**Brookland Ridge** 400 Taylor St NE Washington DC 20017	Washers/dryers, walk-in closets, all-black kitchen appliances, breakfast nook, carpeting, patio/balcony all included Walking distance to Brookland Metro (Red line), Catholic & Howard Universities, Washington Medical Center, local shops & restaurants. ONE MONTH FREE* 1BRs from $1399 & 2BRs from $1599! * Restrictions apply. See Leasing Consultant for details. Subject to end without notice.	1 BRS FR. $1399* 2 BRS FR. $1599* **888-748-1025** brooklandridgeapts.com			X			X	X		X	X		X
DC		**Fort Chaplin Park** 4212 East Capital St., NE Washington, DC 20010	• One Block from Metro • New Window Treatments • Landscaped Courtyards • 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees • Renovated Kitchens • Individually controlled heat & A/C • Housing Choice Voucher Welcome where rents are within voucher limits	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $810 **866-209-9228**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
DC		**New Quin** 3800 New Hampshire., NW Washington DC 20011	Ask About Our Specials! *Walk to Metro, dining and shopping * Pet Friendly * In Unit washer/dryer *24 hour controlled access *Historic building with classic architecture, renovated kitchens, restored oak floors, *central A/C and heat	Studio - 2BRS Starting at $1575 **202-509-0422** www.uippm.com	X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X
DC		**2400 Pennsylvania Ave Apts** 2400 Pennsylvania Ave Washington DC 20037	Enjoy luxury living in one of Washington's best locations at 2400 Pennsylvania Avenue! The spacious, completely redecorated studio and one-bedroom apartments provide the perfect setting for your urban lifestyle. Located in Foggy Bottom,a short distance to Georgetown, GW University and Hospital, the MetroRail, or world-class cultural, recreational, shopping, and entertainment opportunities.	Studio, 1BRs Starting at $1650 **202-333-2400** 2400@community realty.com	X	X										
DC		**The Saratoga Apartments** 4601 Connecticut Ave NW Washington, DC 20008	$1000 Off Select 1 Bedrooms (starting at $1865)* 1 Month Free on Select 2 Bedrms. (starting at $2650) A premiere luxury apartment on Connecticut Avenue now featuring 1 & 2 bedroom apartment homes. . A short walk to Van Ness Metro, grocery store, numerous shops and restaurants. Stainless steel appliance upgrades, washer & dryer ,9 ft ceilings, pvt. balconies, dedicated customer svc. w/ 24-hr front desk	1 & 2 BRs starting at $1865* **888-309-1983** thesaratogadc.com			X			X	X	X	X	X		X
DC		**The Woodner** 3636 16th Street NW Washington DC 20010	1BR $500 off first months rent -Spacious Studios and 1 Br. Apts/FREE Utilities -Fitness Center and Underground Parking -On-Site Grocery, Dry Cleaner, and Restaurant -Within Walking Distance to Columbia Heights Metro	Studio, 1 BR Starting at $1210 **888-573-1058** woodner.com	X	X			X	X	X		X		X	
DC		**5210-5212 E Street** 5210-5212 E St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Gorgeous 2BR apartments from $1200-$1375, newly renovated, hardwood floors, balconies, granite countertops, marble tile.	2 BRs Starting at $1200 Call Gene Wason **301-589-6000 x409**		X	X		X					X		
DC		**Banneker Place** 3738 D St., SE Washington, DC 20019	The apartment homes at Banneker Place feature an array of modern amenities and many extras for your convenience. Choose from a variety of living spaces designed to meet your every need. You'll be close to transportation, shopping, and great entertainment. Call today to make Banneker Place your new home!	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $839 **866-724-4089**	X	X	X		X		X					
DC		**215 C Street Apartments** 215 C Street SE Washington DC 20003	Live in the Heart of Capitol Hill 2 blocks from South Capitol Metro Renovated studio floor plans 215 C street Apartments Move in Now and receive 1 month free rent..and All move in fees are waived	Large Studios Starting at $1600 **202-362-4201** www.gables.com/215cstreet	X					X	X	X		X		
DC		**Meadow Green Courts** 3539 A St., SE Washington, DC 20019	Located in a beautiful natural wooded setting with courtyards .We are convenient to shopping, schools, and major highways.Llarge walk-in closets, dishwashers and A/C. 5% Discount to all Metro & DC Gov't. Employees , Housing Choice Vouchers Welcome where rents are within Voucher limit. OPEN HOUSE EVERY FRIDAY THRU OCTOBER *Ask about our move-in special!	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $810* **866-653-9652**		X	X	X	X	X	X					

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DC		**WDC 1 Apartments** 305 37th Street SE B3 Washington DC 20019	Look, Love, Lease at WDC 1 Apartments. Come home to comfort and value. Why look at the rest when you can live in the best. We are located minutes away from downtown DC, shopping, and recreational facilities. All units have wall to wall carpet, spacious closets, updated kitchens and central AC.	1, 2BRS Starting at $750 **202-575-2990** Wdc1@winnco.com		X	X			X						
DC		**Friendship Court** 4632 Livingston Rd SE Washington, DC 20032	Fresh, crisp and beautifully landscaped. Friendship Courts newly renovated community is remodeled with you in mind! Our one and two bedroom apartment homes are completely upgraded and ready for you to visit.	2 BRs Starting at $869 **866-754-0431**			X									
DC	Minnesota Avenue	1715 Minnesota Ave., SE Washington, DC 20020	Spacious 1 BRs $806 + utilities, plenty of storage space, gorgeous hardwood floors	1 BR Starting at $760 Call Gene Watson **301-589-6000 x109**		X			X			X		X		
DC		**River Hill Apartments** 2942 2nd St., SE Washington, DC 20032	River Hill Apartments was created for those who know what they want out of life! Our elegant homes of distinction provide carefree living with personalized service. You'll be surrounded by natural beauty and vitality. With our central location, you are just minutes from fine dining, shopping and recreation. With features such as a swimming pool and a playground, you'll be living the good life.	1, 2 BRs Starting at $769 **866-378-3385**		X	X		X		X					
DC		**Marbury Plaza** 2300 Good Hope Rd. SE Washington DC 20020	Welcome to Marbury Plaza Apartments, the new Anacostia! Minutes away from shopping, entertainment and the new stadium. Leave your car at home because public transportation is at your doorstop. Relax in your new home and enjoy breathtaking views of the radiant District of Columbia!	Studios - 2BRs Starting at $898 **202-678-0700** www.Marburyplaza.com	X	X	X			X				X	X	
DC		**Greenwood Manor Apartments** 2343 Green Street SE Washington DC 20020	Discover the thrill, excitement and glee of living in Greenwood Manor. Call Today!!!	1,2,3BRs Starting at $775 **202-678-2548** www.delwin-realty.com		X	X	X								
DC		**Eagles Crossing** 1116 Irvington St., SW Washington, DC 20032	Comfort, convenience and quality... Eagle's Crossing has it all. Our garden-style spacious apartments offer beautifully landscaped grounds with easy access to public transportation, minutes away from downtown, 295, and the Metro. $99 MOVE IN SPECIAL! (call for details)	Studio, 1, 2 BRs From the $700s **866-233-0132** eandggroup.com	X	X	X		X		X		X			
DC		**Friendship Crossing Apartments** 57 Galveston Street SW, Washington, DC 20032	You can have it all at Friendship Crossing ... convenience comfort and value! A great location just minutes to shopping, dining, 495, 295 and the metro. Our fully renovated apartment homes set in a park like atmosphere are waiting for you. Enjoy the luxuries of all new and upgraded appliances and the comfort of a gated community. Call us or visit us today to see what Friendship Crossing has to offer.	1 & 2 BRs Starting at $775 **202-563-6800**		X	X		X	X	X			X		
MD		**Powder Mill Village** 3625 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD, 20705	Size does matter at Powder Mill Village, where you will be in awe of our newly renovated, spacious apartment homes. Just minutes from shopping, Univ of Md and the beltway lies picturesque Powder Mill Village.	1,2, 3BR's Starting at $1219 **888-586-8349**		X	X	X	X		X	X			X	
MD		**Gateway Gardens** 4203 58th Avenue Bladensburg, MD 20710	Located in suburban Maryland. Gateway Gardens offers comfort and convenience minutes away from shopping, restaurants, entertainment, Metro bus and Metro rail. A modern apartment that is cable-ready, not to mention a balcony or patio.	1,2,3BR's Starting at $980 **888-448-9013** gatewaygardens.net		X	X	X		X	X				X	

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MD		**The Coronado** 5200- 5201 Quincy Street Baldensburg, MD 20710	Very spacious beautiful 1BRs, fully carpeted, eat in kitchen, balcony, large bathroom, secured entry.	1BRs Starting at $850 **202-544-9550**		X			X	X				X		
MD		**Hillside Heights** 5237 Marlboro Pike Capitol Heights, MD 20774	Open House every weekend in September!! Free Applications and a chance to win an Ipad!! * Renovated Units w/granite coutertops and tile floors * New appliancesand cabinetry in select apartments * Accessible to Metro and 495, Suitland Parkway * On bus line* Spectacular location* Call for specials	Studio - 3BR's Starting at $860 **888-619-0052** uippm.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
MD		**Penn Southern** 4113 Southern Avenue Capitol Heights, MD 20743	All credit considered. FIOS ready. Upgraded eat-in kitchens. Paint options available in select apartments. Individually controlled air conditioning & heat. Close to Metro. ■ Minutes from Washington DC & Capitol Hill ■ Pool, sundeck, playground ■ Business Center	Studio, 1,2,3BR Starting at $830 **866-810-0275** pennsouthern.com	X	X	X		X			X				
MD		**Seven Springs Village** 3910 Cherry Hill Rd. College Park, Md. 20740	All utilities Included! Live the good life at Seven Springs Village. Spacious and newly renovated apt. homes with stylish kitchens, walk-in closets and the best location in College Park! UMD and Metro Shuttles right at your doorstep!	Studios: $1030's 1BRs: $1170's **888-419-1169** SevenSpringsVillage.com	X	X	X			X	X				X	
MD		**Penn Landing Apartment Homes** 6311 Pennsylvania Ave. Forestville, MD 20747	Welcome to Penn Landing Apartments, where exceptional customer service and comfort meet. Come see for yourself! Large apartments, affordable rents, and an unbeatable location all add up to complete convenience and relaxation. We look forward to welcoming you home.	1, 2, 3 BRs, 2BR Duplexes 240-289-2955 pennlandingapts.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
MD		**Henson Creek Manor** 5301 Haras Place Ft Washington, MD 20744	CALL FOR SPECIALS NO APPLICATION FEE, SAME DAY APPLICATION Come visit & see lush green gras, large trees nestled away from the city noice, but with easy access to National Harbor, Metro & I-495. Washer/dryer, lots of closets, fully equipped kitchens w/pantry, patios & community pool. FIOS/Comcast ready. Playground	2 & 3 BRs Starting at $1081 **888-501-8552** humphreymanagement.com			X	X	X	X	X	X				X
MD		**Remington Place Apartments** 2602 Brinkley Road Ft. Washington, MD 20744	♦ TWO MONTHS FREE RENT ♦ Metrobus accessible ♦ Controlled access entry ♦ Free on- site parking ♦ Fitness center ♦ All utilities included ♦ Spacious floor plans	Studios, 1BR, 1BR w/den Starting at $826 **301-630-9500** www.remington-placemd.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
MD		**Rosecroft Mews** 2428 Corning Ave Fort Washington, MD 20744	Rosecroft Mews is a hidden gem in fort Washington Md. Tucked away in a quite neighborhood lies a newly renovated community, you'll be greeted by our friendly & knowledgeable team. Rosecroft is within minutes of shopping & dining. come see our newly renovated homes & wonderful features.	1,2,3BR's starting at $900 Second Chance Approval!! **1-866-502-4883**		X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X
MD		**Corrigan Square** 8511 Snouffer School Rd. Gaithersburg, MD 20878	ASK ABOUT $0 SECURITY DEPOSIT • Eat in kitchens • Balconies & tot lots • Near shopping and restaurants • Minutes from Shady Grove Metro & I-270,convenient to the ICC • *income restrictions apply	2 BRs Starting at $1239 **(888) 861-7004** www.gradymgt.com			X		X	X	X	X				
MD		**Archstone Gaithersburg Station** 370 E. Diamond Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877	• Enjoy a brand new living experience with plenty of Olde Towne charm! • Kitchens w/stainless steel appliances & granite countertops • Resort-style pool, Caliber sports club, pvt. theater • MARC station directly across the street for a 40-min. commute to Union Station • Smoke Free Living	1 & 2 BRs, some with lofts and sunrooms starting at $1730 **877-303-2688** gaithersburgstation.com		X	X				X	X	X			X

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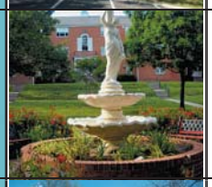
MD		**Charlestowne North** 8150 Lakecrest Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770	ALL FEES WAIVED! ASK ABOUT OPEN HOUSE GIFT OPEN HOUSE 9/29 AND 9/30 -Fully renovated apartments with stylish kitchens, new balconies and lots of space. -All utilities included in your monthly rent -A location near NASA Goddard Flight Center, the USDA, Metro and major roadways.	1-BRs fr. $1390's 2-BRs fr. $1900's **877-883-1105** CharlestowneNorth.com	X	X	X				X	X		X	X	
MD		**Carriage Hill Apartments** 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise + Garden style apartment community. All credit considered. all utilities include and immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's Starting at $985-$1465 **888-341-7613** carriageapts.net		X	X	X								
MD		**Oakcrest Towers** 2100 Brooks Drive Forestville, MD 20747	2011 PACE APARTMENT COMMUNITY" EXCELLENCE" AWARD WINNER. Picture yourself swimming in our resort style pool, playing a game of tennis or simply enjoying the view from your balcony or our Wi-fi terrace. First class fitness center; comfort and convenience minutes from the city, military bases & the Capital Beltway. Large renovated apartments, abundant closet space, exquisite details and much more.	Efficiency, 1BR, 2BR, 2 BR 2 Bath, 2 BR w/Den Starting at $779 **888-654-8954** www.oakcresttowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
MD		**Marlborough House** 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the southern difference. Cats allowed with pet rent.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $940 **(888) 347-6956**	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	
MD		**Overlook Apartments** 1507 Ray Rd. Hyattsville, Md. 20782	ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED! Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Pets welcome. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details. Ask About our $350 Move-in Special	1 BRs from $999 2 BRs from $1199 **888-414-5572** TheOverlookApts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				
MD		**Toledo Plaza** 3215 Toledo Place Hyattsville, MD 20782	Toledo Plaza Apartments offers -Location: Close to major transportation routes -Convenience: Walk to Prince George's Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza shopping -Value: Our apartments are affordability priced and utilities are included! A great value close to major transportation corridors in Hyattsville.	Studios - 3BR's Starting at $1275 **240-696-4600** www.toledoplazaapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**North Pointe Apartment Homes** 5720 29th Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20782	Imagine an affordable, established community with beautiful landscaped lawns and park benches, perfect for leisurely strolls. Think of apartment homes with great features, such as modern kitchens, large rooms and walk- in closets. Well you don't have to daydream anymore because North Pointe offers everything you could want!	1,2 & 3BR's Starting at $925 **301-559-1200** northpointemdapts.com		X	X	X			X	X			X	
MD		**Cypress Creek** 8603 Cypress Creek Dr. Hyattsville, MD 20782	Cypress Creek is the perfect urban retreat! Convenient to University of MD, Howard University & 4 Metro lines to the City. Spacious floor plans, fully equipped contemporary kitchen. Olympic size pool w/sundeck,fitness center. Beautiful wooded setting adjacent to Michigan Park	1BRs fr. $921 2BR fr $1195 **(877) 675-0044** CypressCreekApts.com		X	X	X		X			X	X		X
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro bus stop on the community. Newly renovated 1and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2BR's, 2BR TH's Starting at $932 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				X
MD		**Kings Square Apartments** 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	• FREE UTILITIES • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school in walking distance • Walk to Metro • Just minutes to Wegmans FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $865 **877-219-5017** kingssquareapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	

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MD		**Maple Ridge** 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	• Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property Excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $875 **877-219-5026** www.mapleridgeapartments.com		X	X	X	X			X	X			
MD		**Montpelier Crossing** 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes. -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking.	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at $890 **240-547-2113** montpeliercrossing.com		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Southview** 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio,1, 2, 3BR's Starting at $753 **888-414-6645** southviewapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
MD		**Carlyle at Harbor Pointe** 5618 Livingston Terrace Oxon Hill, MD 20745	At Carlyle at Harbor Pointe, you will find it easy to make yourself right at home...We have a great combination of location, value and convenience. At Carlyle at Harbor Pointe, you'll find very spacious apartments, with updated kitchens and baths that you must see to believe. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, downtown DC, Andrews AFB and much more!	1,2, 3BRs Starting at $699 Second Chance Approval!! **1-866-906-3677**		X	X	X	X	X						
MD		**Colonial Village** 908 Marcy Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	• LOCATION, SPACE, VALUE! • Located minutes from Metro, the Beltway, downtown D.C. and Virginia. • A lovely garden community one minute from the renovated Eastover shopping center. • Walk to elementary school and 5 minutes to Metro. • Minutes to the National Harbor • Large balconies/patios	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $830 **877-219-5035**		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Oxon Hill Village** 2260 Alice Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Nestled between the District of Columbia and historic Virginia, Oxon Hill Village offers a variety of floorplans, free services and amenities including a fitness center. indoor gymnasium, business center and all utilities included.	1BR- 3BR's Starting at $1050 **888-512-6025**		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
MD		**Queenstown Apartments** 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living 1 block from West Hyattsville Metro! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come find peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments, FREE After School Program, olympic size swimming pool, on-site security, fitness/business center,5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount! Hablamos Espanol.	1, 2 BRs **888-759-9112** queenstownapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
MD		**Parkview Gardens** 6400 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	■ Gated community with updated apartments ■ Granite countertops, new appliances and cabinets. ■ Indoor and outdoor pools! ■ An unbeatable location close to shopping, public transportation, BW Parkway and 495. ■ FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP ■ FREE GAS COOKING & HEAT	1,2,3 BRs start at $915 **877-219-5030** parkviewgardensapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
MD		**Woodvale Apartments** 13831 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD. 20904	Guaranteed to win a free IPAD 2, 32" TV, $400.00 target gift card or $500.00 off your first month rent in addition to 1 month free on select apartments. OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY OCTOBER 13	1-3 BRs; some w/den from $1109 **888-813-6507** Refreshurlifestyle.com		X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X
MD		**Waterford Tower** 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 209041350s	ALL FEES WAIVED! ASK ABOUT OUR MOVE-IN GIFT OPEN HOUSE 9/29 AND 9/30 Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself!	1 BRs from the $1350s 2 BRs from the $1595 **888-544-7357** WaterfordTowerApts.com	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	

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MD		**Spring Parc Apartments** 11 Featherwood Court Silver Spring, MD 20904	With a central location, exceptionally comfortable homes and the kinds of amenities you want, this is the best way to rent in Silver Spring, MD. Spring Parc's well-spaced homes include excellent features like washers and dryers. Ask about Our I-pad Drawing!	1-BRS from $1100s 2-BRS from $1300s **888-802-6770** SpringParcApts.com		X	X			X	X	X				X
MD		**Hillbrook Towers** 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	PAY $599 YOUR FIRST MONTH WITH A 12 MONTH LEASE! Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. • Housing Vouchers Welcome	1 and 2 BRs Starting at $1025 **888-833-9784**		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
MD		**Windsor Court and Tower** 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD. 20904	We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed! ● CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL!	1,2,3 BRs starting at $1168 **888-255-6159**		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Andrews Ridge** 5601 Regency Park Court Suitland, MD 20746	From renovated kitchens and baths, a new fitness and business center, a fresh look for the outside of the bldgs. and more.. we are committed to RENEWING this community and making the needed improvements for its valued residents. With upgrades this exciting, you won't want to miss out! CALL TODAY AND ASK ABOUT OUR GREAT SPECIALS!	**1-BRs fr. $1075. 2-BRs fr. $1190. 3-BRs fr. $1430** **888-502-7944** rejuvenateurlifestyle.com			X			X	X		X	X		X
MD		**Shadyside Gardens** 2641 Shadyside Ave. Suitland, MD 20746	The Best Value in Suitland. Our renovated apartment homes offer you amenities such as a washer/dryer in every apartment home, oversized closets, playground & a prime location. We are only 2 blocks from Suitland Metro and bus service is right at your door!	2BR Special $939!!! 1,2,3 Bedrooms Starting at $985 Second Chance Approval **1-877-237-4868** SGA@Finesagroup.com		X	X	X		X	X	X				X
MD		**Forest Village Apartments** 4400 Rena Rd Suitland, MD 20747	Nestled in a quiet wooded setting, Forest Village has the ideal apartment home for you. Located just off the Capital Beltway and minutes from Andrews Air Force Base. Here you will find the Metrobus stop at your door and a washer and dryer in every apartment.	1,2, & 2BR + Den Starting at $799 Second Chance Approval **1-888-443-6408** FVA@finesagroup.com		X	X			X	X					X
MD		**Silver Hill Apartments** 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, MD 20746	MOVE-IN SPECIAL Sign a 12 month lease and your 1st month's Rent is only $599 Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. ● Housing Vouchers Welcome	1, 2BRs Starting at $780 **888-513-2042**		X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
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MD		**Marlow Heights Apartments** 4223 28th Avenue Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Heights, we feature garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3BR's Starting at $899 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-822-0583**		X	X	X	X							
MD		**Belford Towers** 6733 New Hamshire Ave Takoma Park, MD. 20912	Our apartments boast • wall-to-wall carpeting, central air, • abundant closet space- including a walk in closet, garbage disposal, patio, elevator access, • and vertical blinds. • intercom access • on site security.	1,2,3 Bedrms starting at $1020 **888-420-4302** Beaconmanagement.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		

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MD		**Marlow Plaza Apartments** 2900 Saint Claire Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Plaza & Tower, we feature both high-rise and garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3 BR's Starting at $849 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-803-3184**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
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VA		**Glebe House** 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Studio, 1 BRs Starting at $954 **240-455-3567** glebehouse.net	X	X			X		X				X	
VA		**Creekside Village** 7979 Janna Lee Ave. Alexandria, VA 22306	Newly renovated apts. BRAND NEW fitness center & clubhouse. Nestled among large towering oak trees in country-like setting, but minutes from Ft. Belvoir, Metro & shopping. Large eat-in kitchen w/lots of cabinets and counter space. Oversized living areas. Pets allowed. CALL ABOUT OUR 3 BEDROOM SPECIAL	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $1019 **800-393-6306** **creekside@habitatamerica.com**		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
VA		**Kings Gardens Apartments** 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	Kings Gardens delightfully combines city convenience with suburban charm. This Alexandria address is within a short distance from schools, shopping, and the Huntington Metro Rail Station. Residents enjoy beautiful landscaping and an on-site pool.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at $ 1165 **866-980-9358** kgleasing@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
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VA		**Crystal Plaza** 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202	Imagine having direct access to the Crystal City Underground and Metro. Crystal Plaza features: -Generously sized interiors with wall to wall glass living areas and panoramic views -Modern eat-kitchens, separate dining areas and ceramic tile bathrooms. Located in Crystal City minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $1710 **240-348-1790** crystalplazaapartments.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		**Potomac Towers** 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	• Newly remodeled apartments • Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center • Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck • 24-Hour Front Desk Service • 3 Blocks to Court House Metro • Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1415 **703-485-4903** potomactowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		**Shirlington House** 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	• Spacious floor plans • Garage parking available • 24 hour Fitness Center • Convenience store on-site • Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City • Easy access to I-395	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1210 **703-595-4233** shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		x	

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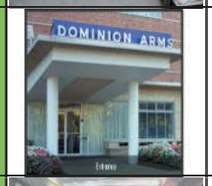
VA		**Southern Towers** 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	• Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • Small pets welcome • No security deposit & move-in fees	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $950 **703-485-4154** southerntowersapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
VA		**Dominion Plaza** 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, Virginia 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall carpeting, as available ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1105 **703-436-1516** dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
VA		**The Buchanan** 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	Studios, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms Starting at $1,620 **240-348-1803** www.buchananapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		**Dominion Arms** 333 South Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204	● Utilities Included ● Beauty shop, barber shop & drycleaners ● Close to Route 50 ● Laundry rooms on each floor ● Metro Bus to Ballston & Pentagon Metro ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Small pets welcome	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at 1110 **703-822-5558** dominionarmsapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
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Elise Whang

SNOBSWAP CO-FOUNDER, PASSION PURSUER

D.C. native Elise Whang spent 10 years as a fashionista masquerading as an attorney. In April, she traded in her stuffy gig for a more fitting role: Together with her sister, Emily Dang, she founded Snobswap.com, an online marketplace of preowned designer clothing. Similar to eBay — minus the bidding model and subpar selection — the website puts discounted Louboutins and Birkin bags into the right hands.

How does Snobswap work?

Basically, you look in your closet and see clothing and accessories you want to clean out. So you take a picture of an item, describe it and price it. You can also choose to list your item for swap so people can say, "Oh I have this pair of jeans or this shirt to swap [for your item]." You'll find contemporary brands like Alice + Olivia and Alexander Wang plus classics like Chanel, Hermes and Gucci.

Does it cost anything?

There is a 10 percent seller's fee. That's very low compared to consignment stores, which take anything from 40 to 50 percent. This is a nice alternative, and you can get more cash back. And it's only one dollar to swap something. We wanted to keep this very user-friendly and community-oriented.

Do you control what ends up for sale on the site?

We believe in letting the marketplace decide what's posted. We started out selling high-end designer items that my sister and I posted. And then people started posting similar items. It's been pretty consistent.

What are some clothing items that might not sell very well?

Probably fast-fashion items from H&M or Forever 21. Not to say they aren't cute, but they probably wouldn't fit in as well. Most people that come to the site are looking for designer names but are trying to save money. So if you were thinking of stores, I would say Nordstrom or higher would be a safe guideline.

> **"You'll find contemporary brands like Alice + Olivia ... plus classics like Chanel."**

Describe the Snobswap community.

We have thousands of users, and it's growing every day. I'm focusing my outreach in D.C., but my sister is in California, so she's got the San Francisco market covered. We do plan on going into the New York market more aggressively in the next few months.

Do you notice different types of items from different areas?

I see a lot more funky items coming from New York. And in California, I would say maybe more trendy dresses. In D.C., it's actually pretty diverse, which is cool to see. It seems like people here are posting a lot of luxury items.

What else will people find on the site?

We're really proud of our stylist blog. We've featured nationally known bloggers and [spotlighted] street style in D.C.

HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Flea the Scene

Every Thursday through Sunday during the month of October, local vintage hounds Dafna Steinberg and Philissa Williams are hosting a pop-up flea market at Montserrat House (216 9th St. NW; Montserrathouse.com). Expect hand-picked curiosities and clothing from the city's finest thrifters, including Speak Vintage and Thembe Fashions.

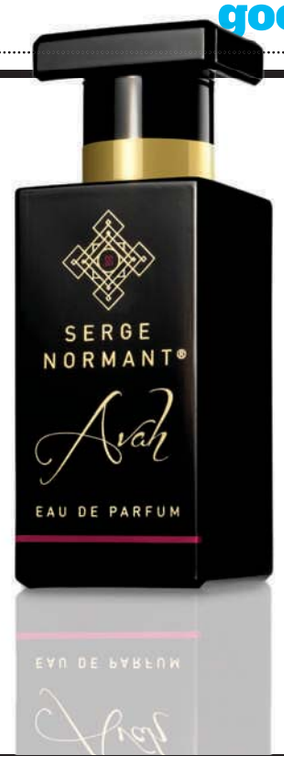
goods lookout

1 Forest to Table

WOODLAND CREATURES look cute in nature, but does anyone want a squirrel cozying up to their dinner plate? Maybe if it's one of the forest beasts starring in Tag's new line of table accessories, just in at Hill's Kitchen (713 D St. NW; 202-543-1997). Among the wildlife: raccoon and fox salt-and-pepper shakers (shown, $9), chipmunk mugs ($10) and dish towels ($11) festooned with a menagerie.

2 Swell Smell

COCO CHANEL ONCE quipped, "A woman who doesn't wear perfume has no future." Just to make sure your prospects remain bright, we recommend salon stylist Serge Normant's new eau de parfum for hair ($60, Sergenormant.com). The formula is developed to nourish strands with jojoba, vitamin E and aloe while adding pleasant-smelling bursts of ylang ylang, jasmine and amber.



Grab Bag

Top That

BAN.DO, THE CHARMING L.A.-BASED hair accessory company, recently released a new line of Black Label pieces (Shopbando.com). The floral-heavy collection is drenched in pastels and sparkly embellishments such as sequins and rhinestones. Our favorites include the overgrown Florabunda clip (shown, $325), the tres chic Zou Bisou headpiece with its oversized satin bow and retro netting, and the demure Crystal Punch satin headband that could serve as a more casual alternative to a traditional wedding veil.

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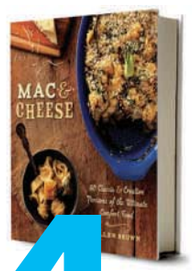

4 Melting Points

IN THE WEEK we left "Mac & Cheese" ($20, Running Press) on our desk, every person who wandered into our office admired the tome lovingly. Gooey-looking photos and recipes for pasta-and-queso combos such as Chesapeake Crab Mac and Cheese and Mac Quack (with duck) make it amount to cookbook porn. But, still, we're not so sweet on a strange selection of desserts, including pecan caramel noodles.

5 Power Poufs

YOUR COUCH IS the linchpin around which your living room revolves and the spot where you spend the most time. You want it to be both easy on the eyes and the bod, which is where Design Guild's new pillows come in. Sewn using rich satins, linens and velvets in match-everything hues, they'll feel right at home on your sofa ($130-$140, Urban Country, 7117 Arlington Blvd., Bethesda; 301-654-0500).

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Holley Simmons. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I have a trip coming up in November to New York! I will be singing with a number of choirs at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center. After our performance, we have a gala. I am planning on finding a little black dress for the event, but I could use advice on great heels to go with it. —HEIDI

Manolo says, how do you get to the Avery Fisher Hall at the Lincoln Center? Practice, practice, practice.

Yes, it is the old joke, but it is funny because being the good chorister is the difficult thing to master, relying as it does upon both the hours and the hours of practice, and the unusual combination of the personal traits.

Firstly, you have to be the good enough singer to qualify to carry the tune. Unless you are exceptional, it is unlikely that your famous rendition of "The Unchained Melody," in which you hit all of the high notes flawlessly, will sound quite as good when not accompanied by water shooting out of your showerhead.

Secondly, your ego must not be overweening, making you think that every solo should be yours. Indeed, you must be humble enough to recognize that, during certain times of the year, your entire vocal repertoire will consist of the word "Hallelujah" sung repeatedly until you are forever sick of it. ("Curse you George Frideric Handel!")

Look! Here is the Jodi from Diane von Furstenberg ($298, Saksfifth avenue.com), the suede platform sandal with just the right amount of celebratory gold.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

HIDE AND GO CHIC

Wearing leather was once an all-or-nothing fashion statement. (Think biker gangs, 1980s hair bands and loin-cloth-loving cave persons.) But thanks to improved technology, hides can now be shaved into thin, supple-as-velvet material and dyed hues (metallics, gem tones) far more refined than Harley black. Designers also are combining skin and fabric on the same garment — blouses with leather collars, jeans with suede tuxedo stripes — turning the bad-girl staple into a work-to-weekend favorite. "The mix of leather and fabric is softer and more elegant than full-on leather," says local wardrobe consultant Tara Luizzi of Tara Styles DC (Tarastylesdc.com). "You no longer have to look like a dominatrix." TEXT, JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS); STYLING, CATHY PHILLIPS STARNES; PHOTOS, MARGE ELY (EXPRESS); MODEL, CIMA; HAIR AND MAKEUP, BRIAN OLIVER, T.H.E. ARTIST AGENCY

White Striped: A hide panel toughens up a Milly dress ($395, Sherman Pickey, 1647 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4212). Worn with a David Aubrey necklace and Julie Collection earrings ($110 and $85, Bishop Boutique, 815-B King St., Alexandria; 571-312-0042) and Elizabeth & James wedges ($275, The Shoe Hive, 127 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-7105).

Haute Around the Collar: Tibi's blouse pairs lace with leather ($425, Piperlime.com). Shown with a Joie leather skirt ($458, Piperlime.com) and a chunky necklace, ring and bracelet ($134, $42 and $32, Proper Topper, 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055).

fashion lookout

Skinnies in Skin: Rag & Bone faux-leather jeans ($198, Bloomingdale's, 5300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, Md.; 240-744-3700) sparkle with an Alice + Olivia blouse ($264, Bloomingdale's), necklace ($375, Proper Topper), ring ($110, Bishop Boutique), Botkier bag ($395, The Shoe Hive) and Mark + James shoes ($275, Bishop Boutique).

Biker Chic: June's drapey jacket ($690, Betsy Fisher, 1224 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-785-1975) tops a Rebecca Taylor dress ($395, Bloomingdale's). Shown with Rebecca Minkoff booties ($325, The Shoe Hive) and David Aubrey earrings ($75, Bishop Boutique).

Leg Upper: Free People's leather shorts ($98, Piperlime.com) rock out with an Aqua blouse ($78, Bloomingdale's), fuzzy vest ($74, Urban Chic, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398), necklace and bracelets ($95 and $110 a set, The Shoe Hive) and Ivanka Trump boots ($299, Bishop Boutique).

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'Taken' Too Far

Even big fans of the surprise 2009 hit will want to steer clear of its senseless sequel

Film Review

"Taken," about a former CIA operative who uses his considerable brawn and brain to rescue his teenage daughter from a bunch of sadistic sex-trade traffickers, was a surprise hit in 2009. The nervy kid-in-jeopardy thriller opened quietly, chugging along to make a respectable $100 million-plus at the box office.

The appeal of "Taken," apart from its straightforward, unpretentious approach to otherwise pedestrian material, was Liam Neeson. As "Taken" protagonist Bryan Mills, he infused an otherwise by-the-numbers procedural with an ineffable, highly appealing blend of Celtic soul and 6-foot-4-inch heft. As an instantly sympathetic embodiment of paternal reassurance and alpha-male ferocity, Neeson reinvigorated his career with "Taken," embarking on a series of similarly pulpy thrillers ("Unknown," "The Grey") that seemed to surprise even him. You can't blame Neeson, or the "Taken" producers, for trying to catch lightning in a bottle again.

'Taken 2' is every bit as clumsy, outlandish and laughable as the original was sleek, tough and efficient.

What you can blame them for is "Taken 2," a sequel every bit as clumsy, ham-handed, outlandish and laughable as the original was sleek, tough and efficient. "Taken 2" finds Bryan back in Los Angeles, teaching his daughter Kim (Maggie Grace) to drive and gazing wistfully at his ex-wife, Lenore (Famke Janssen), when he picks Kim up for their weekly Saturday tutorial. When Bryan travels to Istanbul on business, circumstances conspire to bring Kim and Leni there in order to surprise him; soon, all three are caught up in a nasty web of kidnapping, sadistic torture and revenge spun by the very Albanian bad guys Bryan recently vanquished on behalf of his daughter.

Liam Neeson is clearly not thrilled to be disposing of bad guys again in "Taken 2."

MAGALI BRAGARD

Taken 2 (PG-13)

- **Director:** Olivier Megaton
- **Stars:** Liam Neeson, Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace
- **In a Nutshell:** Bryan Mills and his ex-wife are taken hostage by the father of a kidnapper Mills killed while saving his daughter in the first film.

It's a perfectly acceptable setup, but from its first set piece — a low-octane chase through an Istanbul bazaar, followed by a weirdly muffled, awkwardly choreographed fistfight — "Taken 2" possesses the perfunctory mark-hitting of a movie more invested in going through the motions than raising its own bar. The spook-tested tricks and superhuman powers of observation that Bryan trotted out in the first film are now played for maximum preposterousness, such as a laughable gambit involving hand grenades and eastward-blowing flags.

By the time "Taken 2" stages a second, ludicrously conceived car chase, which leads to an equally absurd tableau of macho posturing, the entire enterprise feels as false and tidy as the tasteful drop of blood that adorns Bryan's chin. When Neeson visited "The Daily Show" earlier this week, Jon Stewart asked if a "Taken 3" was in the works. The actor visibly recoiled, his hand slashing his throat in a "that's enough" gesture, suggesting that the star is painfully aware that sometimes lightning should stay in the bottle.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Reelist

JESS PINKHAM

Undeniable 'Beasts'

By Kristen Page-Kirby

I'm not worried about the controversy that erupted among movie nerds this week when it was revealed that the cast of "Beasts of the Southern Wild" is ineligible for the Screen Actors Guild Awards. There's a simple reason behind SAG's ruling — the actors, most notably Quvenzhané Wallis and Dwight Henry, are not members of the actors' union. People are freaking because the SAG Awards are often predictors of the Oscars, and Wallis and Henry deserve every award they (and a wagon) can carry.

"Beasts" is one of the most amazing films I've seen in decades, and I have a bet with my editor about how many Oscars the film will take. (I get Berger Cookies if I win! And, consequently, possibly diabetes!) I'm not losing sleep over SAG being unable to acknowledge the film's cast, and I'm not mad that it's because of a simple rule. Getting up in arms about it makes as much sense as me whining because I've never been nominated for the Pulitzer for investigative reporting.

"Beasts" destroyed so many rules of filmmaking — untrained actors, a script that combines ancient mythological animals and hints about Hurricane Katrina, and a largely untested director pushing the boundaries of film. SAG's rule is seemingly the only one that "Beasts" can't break, but I'm positive Wallis and Henry will see success in the end.

@ Read Kristen's previous columns at: expressnightout.com/thereelist

Where 'Cards' Falls: Netflix's highly anticipated original series "House of Cards" will premiere Feb. 1. The series is the most ambitious effort yet by Netflix to supply its 27 million streaming users with original programming. The remake of the classic British miniseries stars Kevin Spacey, left, and Robin Wright. Spacey plays a ruthless, strategizing House majority whip. All 13 episodes will be immediately available to Netflix subscribers Feb. 1. (AP)

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An Affair To Laugh (A Bit) At

The Oranges (R)

- **Director:** Julian Farino
- **Stars:** Leighton Meester, Hugh Laurie and Catherine Keener
- **In a Nutshell:** The enduring friendship between two close families is tested because of an affair.

Film Review

On paper, "The Oranges" doesn't sound like much of a comedy. Surprisingly, the story about the havoc wreaked among two New Jersey couples when one husband begins an affair with his neighbors' 24-year-old daughter actually has a few laugh-out-loud moments.

As Terry and Carol Ostroff, whose daughter Nina's affair precipitates the emotional upheaval, Oliver Platt and Allison Janney bring just the right touch of bemusement to the

Hugh Laurie, left, and Alia Shawkat, right, in "The Oranges"

potentially heavy proceedings. And as David and Paige Walling, whose troubled marriage is destroyed by David's infidelity, Hugh Laurie and Catherine Keener know when to lean on the reality of the situation and when to let it go.

As Nina, Leighton Meester seems not to have gotten the memo that this is a comedy, not a soap opera. It doesn't help that Nina is consistently upstaged by her best friend, Vanessa, the Wallings' daughter (Alia Shawkat). Consequently, Meester takes the film — and herself — a little too seriously. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Young Victor Frankenstein resurrects his dead dog, Sparky, in "Frankenweenie."

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Deliciously Dark

Tim Burton's new stop-motion picture is a clever love letter to creature features

Film Review

During the next month, Americans will be called upon to make a choice between two very distinct visions. No, not Obama vs. Romney. I'm talking about "Frankenweenie" vs. "Hotel Transylvania."

The two animated, monster-movie-themed releases — both timed to coincide with the pre-Halloween season — are almost polar opposites. Opening last week to mostly negative reviews, "Hotel Transylvania" is aimed squarely at the very youngest viewers.

"Frankenweenie," on the other hand, arrives this weekend with a very different pedigree and a jolt of jangly energy. Designed to appeal to both discriminating adults and older kids, the gorgeous, black-and-white stop-motion film is a fresh, clever and affectionate love letter to classic horror movies.

Warning: It is decidedly not for little children.

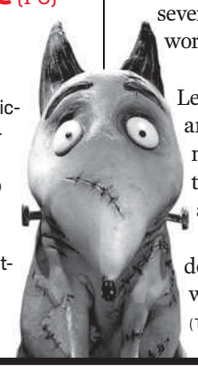
Transplanting Mary Shelley's 19th-century story to the 1950s, "Frankenweenie" is the story of 10-year-old Victor Frankenstein (voice of Charlie Tahan), a bookish loner whose best friend is his dog, Sparky. After Sparky is hit by a car, a desperate, distraught Victor applies some half-remembered lessons in electricity from his unhinged science teacher (Martin Landau) and reanimates the pet pooch, one dark and stormy night.

All is well until some of Victor's classmates get wind of the secret experiment and begin resurrecting all of their dearly departed pets, too, including a hamster and some Sea-Monkeys. That they turn into something resembling the evil beasties from "Gremlins" is only one of several loving homages to the world of creature features.

The choice here is clear. Leave "Hotel Transylvania," and its soulless, Saturday-morning computer animation, to the wee ones. But for a touch of Saturday-night sophistication, you can't do better than "Frankenweenie." MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Frankenweenie (PG)

- **Director:** Tim Burton
- **Stars:** Charlie Tahan, Martin Landau
- **In a Nutshell:** Young Victor conducts a science experiment to bring his beloved dog, Sparky, back to life, only to face unintended consequences.
- **For Fans of:** "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "Corpse Bride"



A Thriller With Powerful Pull

Director Lee Daniels' 'Paperboy' operates on a glandular level

Film Review

Here's an odd thing: The entire cast of "The Paperboy" glistens with a golden sheen, as if they've been sprayed with Pam cooking oil.

Mostly it's because the movie itself is a tad overheated. In the lurid, swampy, yet almost perversely engrossing follow-up to director Lee Daniels' "Precious," the temperature is set to "sizzle." Ironically, it could have used a little more time in the oven.

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Matthew McConaughey, left, and the titular "Paperboy," Zac Efron, right.

Set in the late 1960s, the film is structured like a mystery thriller. Its focus? A pair of hotshot Miami newspaper reporters, Ward Jansen (Matthew McConaughey) and Yardley Acheman (David Oyelowo), who are investigating a small-town sheriff's murder. The titular paperboy is Ward's younger brother, Jack (Zac Efron), who acts as gofer for Ward and Yardley.

In the end, however, there's not much mystery here. Not in the sense of anything that gets solved, at least, neatly or otherwise. There are, however, plenty of thrills and visceral pleasures to be had. It's a movie that operates on a level that's more glandular than cerebral.

This is largely the result of Nicole Kidman's central, barn-burning performance as Charlotte Bless, the trashy fiancee of the man whose innocence Ward and Yardley are trying to prove. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Paperboy (R)

- **Director:** Lee Daniels
- **Stars:** Matthew McConaughey, Nicole Kidman, Zac Efron
- **In a Nutshell:** A reporter investigates a case involving a death-row inmate.

entertainment lookout

Now Playing

Last weekend's top 5 films at the box office

DREDD 3D (R, 95 minutes) Good news, Judge Dredd fans. Pete Travis' savage interpretation of John Wagner's futuristic law enforcer adheres to the character's grim graphic-novel roots and proves far superior to the corny 1995 misfire. Solemn Karl Urban dons the trademark helmet and motorcycle boots of Dredd, a ruthless judge presiding over the decaying, postapocalyptic metropolis of Mega-City One. Two events complicate Dredd's unremitting mission to clean up his streets. First, he's saddled with a rookie partner (Olivia Thirlby) who's bound to slow him down. Second, the duo is assigned to investigate an incident at Peach Trees, a towering apartment complex run by crazed drug dealer Ma-Ma (Lena Headey). "Dredd 3D" is malicious, gory, masochistic and uncompromising. SEAN O'CONNELL

3 **END OF WATCH** (R, 109 minutes) There are no dirty cops in "End of Watch," another tense, violent — and surprisingly affecting — police drama from David Ayer. Ayer has created a portrait of law enforcement under pressure that proves as ennobling as it is gritty. Rapper Yahira "Flakiss" Garcia plays a scary gangbanger that LAPD officers Brian Taylor and Mike Zavala (Jake Gyllenhaal and Michael Pena, respectively) tangle with when, in the course of their routine patrols, they inadvertently find themselves interfering with the local operation of a ruthless Mexican drug cartel. On the downside, it's also yet another movie using the "found footage" gimmick that's all the rage. Much of the film consists of shaky, handheld images purportedly shot by Brian for a filmmaking class he's taking. M.O.

FINDING NEMO 3D (G, 100 minutes) The first bit of good news is that, nearly a decade after its initial release, the movie remains an absorbing-as-ever story about a clownfish willing to swim across an ocean to retrieve his only son with a wonky fin. The second bit of good news is that, in 3-D, the underwater dazzler looks a bit more eye-popping than it did in 2003, that extra D adding a depth of field that makes the coral and ocean bubbles appear to extend for miles. The question is whether the version that requires a set of glasses wows enough to justify spending $10 (or more) to see it in a theater, when most families can just as easily pop in the frequently viewed DVD at home. It's not. JEN CHANEY

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In "Pitch Perfect," Rebel Wilson, left, portrays a college student who calls herself Fat Amy so girls such as Anna Camp's character, right, don't do it behind her back.

KEITH BERNSTEIN/WARNER BROS. PICTURES

In "Trouble With the Curve," Clint Eastwood (right, with Amy Adams) plays a bitter, old baseball scout. Typecasting!

1 **HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA** (PG, 92 minutes) As Count Dracula, Adam Sandler turns in a blandly unobjectionable — if toothless — performance. As Jonathan, a young American backpacker who accidentally wanders into Dracula's castle — set up as a hotel for monsters seeking refuge from human persecution — Andy Samberg does his best to animate his innocuous persona. Selena Gomez brings a bit more personality to the role of Dracula's daughter, Mavis, a "teenager" celebrating her 118th birthday while chafing at her father's overprotectiveness. Of course, she and Jonathan fall in love, leading to — well, not terribly much. It's something of a shame. "Hotel Transylvania" is entertaining enough for the trick-or-treat crowd, but a bit more bite wouldn't kill it. M.O.

5 **HOUSE AT THE END OF THE STREET** (PG-13, 101 minutes) The story begins with what seems to be the murder of two people by their young daughter, Carrie Ann. Four years later, Sarah and her daughter Elissa move into a nearby mini-mansion, fleeing Chicago and Mom's failed marriage. They're told that nobody lives in the home they can see through the woods, whose creepiness has earned them a reduced rent. They soon learn that Carrie Ann's

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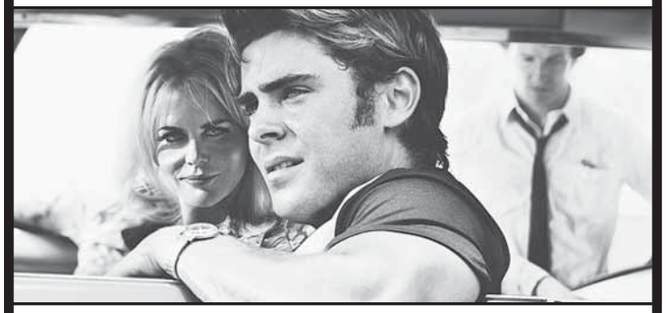

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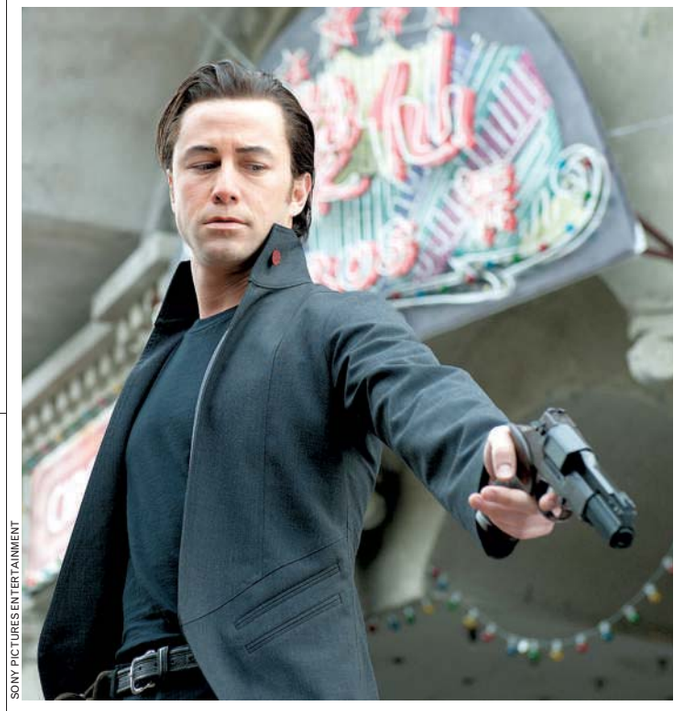
brother Ryan remains in the house. Elissa focuses her romantic interest on Ryan. Sarah worries that her daughter's nurturing instincts will lead her into trouble. She's right, although she has no idea how serious the trouble will be. MARK JENKINS

LAWLESS (R, 110 minutes) An inescapable sense of "so what?" sets in early with "Lawless," almost as soon as Shia LaBeouf begins his lackluster opening narration. In 1931, in Franklin County, Va., Jack Bondurant (LaBeouf) and his big brothers, Howard (Jason Clarke) and Forrest (Tom Hardy), divide their time between running the family's general store and a lucrative moonshine operation. It's a tidy living that is threatened by the arrival of Special Agent Charlie Rakes (Guy Pearce). "Lawless" feels less like it's breaking new ground than going through old motions. A movie about outlaws — whether indulging or interrogating their self-styled legend — should never play it this safe. A.H.

2 LOOPER (R, 118 MINUTES) Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays Joe, a laconic young man living in Kansas City in 2044, where as the film opens he is in a wheat field consulting his pocket watch. Another man suddenly appears and — blam! — Joe blows him away. He explains in a voice-over that his victim has come from the 2070s, when the mob uses time-traveling assassins like Joe — called loopers — to dispose of bodies that technically don't exist. The mob boss of the future then decides to "close the loop" and sends the older version of the hit man back to be killed. That's precisely what happens to Joe, who when he confronts his older self — played by Bruce Willis — doesn't quite carry out the orders as planned. The ethics of saving the future by changing the past might be a time-worn theoretical question. But "Looper" brings it to life with startling inventiveness and visual pizzazz. A.H.

THE MASTER (R, 137 minutes) It's the end of World War II and sailor Freddie (Joaquin Phoenix) hits the road, finally stowing away, drunk, on a party boat under the command of Lancaster Dodd (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Seeing that Freddie has been on a bender, he announces that the younger man is "aberrated," a disjointed state of being that Lancaster seeks to mend by way of his self-styled religion, the Cause. They enter an alternately symbiotic and dramatically dysfunctional relationship, observed from an intimate distance by Lancaster's all-seeing wife,



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If Joseph Gordon-Levitt looks strange in "Looper," your eyes are not playing tricks on you. The actor wore prosthetics and makeup to better resemble Bruce Willis.

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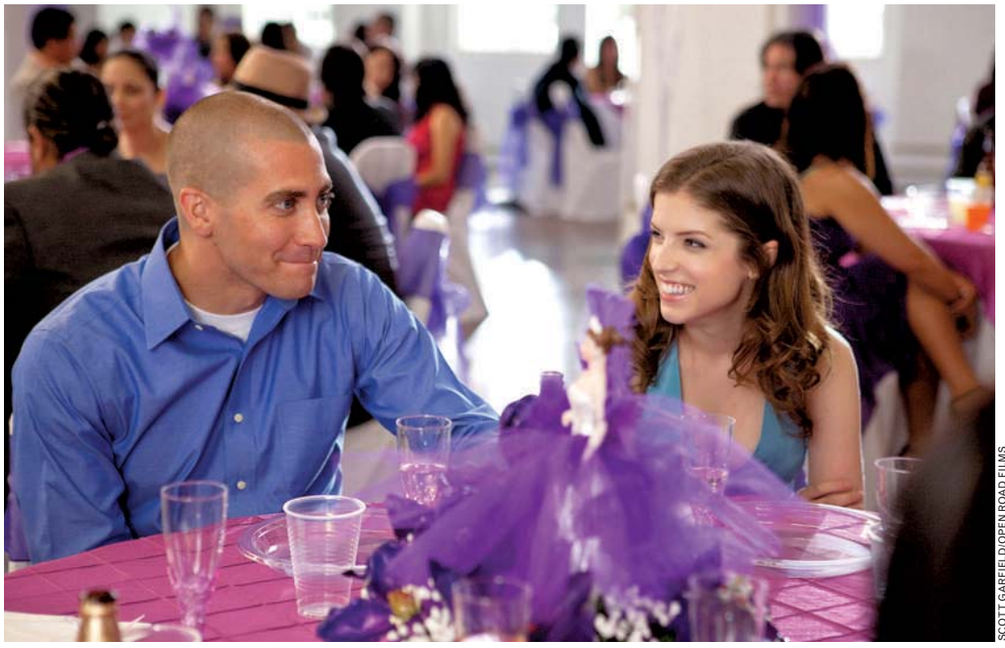

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This photo with Jake Gyllenhaal, left, and Anna Kendrick, right, depicts one of the lighter scenes in the gritty "End of Watch."

Peggy (Amy Adams). Combined with a surprising turn from Adams, "The Master" presents viewers with one of the most potent triads in recent film memory. A.H.

PITCH PERFECT (PG-13, 112 minutes) Kay Cannon's script about the world of competitive collegiate a cappella combines the obvious elements of "Glee" with the plot and snark of the 2000 competitive-cheerleading comedy "Bring It On." Running through it all is the surreal DNA of "30 Rock," coupled with that show's satirical plausibility. For the most part, it works brilliantly. That's largely because of the music, which the movie approaches with an attitude halfway between awe and skepticism. Anna Kendrick also helps. In the lead role of Beca—an alterna-chick who only reluctantly joins her school's all-female singing group, the Bellas—Kendrick brings a healthy amount of amused detachment. The story itself is overly familiar, and it drags at times. But when the movie just shuts up and lets us listen to these kids belt away, its goofy charms are almost impossible to resist. M.O.

THE POSSESSION (PG-13, 92 minutes) "The Possession," a Jewish variant on "The Exorcist," recounts the torments of a nice suburban American family who's infiltrated by an evil spirit ("dybbuk" in Yiddish). Actually, the dybbuk is the second malevolent force to attack Clyde and Stephanie and their two daughters. First came the monster called divorce. Clyde dotes on 10-year-old Em and 13-ish Hannah whenever he has temporary custody. So he agrees to stop at a yard sale and doesn't argue when Em insists on buying a dark wooden box inscribed with Hebrew letters. Naturally, Em becomes possessed by the dybbuk that was locked inside the box. Anyone who believes in dybbuks and other ghoulies will find "The Possession" terrifying. MARK JENKINS

SONY PICTURES

Believe it or not: Johnnystein, voiced by Andy Samberg, is one of the few human characters in "Hotel Transylvania."

4 TROUBLE WITH THE CURVE (PG-13, 111 minutes) There's no doubt that Clint Eastwood is perfectly suited to play Gus Lobel, a scout for the Atlanta Braves who is beginning to feel the effects of his years, not only when he's trying to coax his body into cooperating with a morning bathroom ritual but when he's spotting young talent on the ball field. Gus has a strained relationship with his daughter, Mickey (Amy Adams), whose mother died when she was 6. Gus isn't a warm-and-fuzzy dad, which makes it all the tougher for Mickey to join him on a scouting expedition to North Carolina. "Trouble With the Curve" presents viewers with a frustrating changeup: What promised to be a modest, refreshingly unforced little comedy turns out to be low energy to a fault. A.H.

WON'T BACK DOWN (PG, 121 minutes) Viewed through one lens, "Won't Back Down" has the contours of a David-and-Goliath story, this time about moms who face down an educational bureaucracy to get the school their kids deserve. When the two women join forces to turn the school around, it's impossible not to cheer their solidarity and perseverance. And it's even more impossible not to boo and hiss when the teachers union representatives foil the women's efforts. But more than a portrait of motherly outrage, the movie has been designed as an anti-union, pro-charter screed. A.H.

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2 Historical Reenactment

This bicentennial year may be the last time anyone will be excited about the War of 1812, so soak it in with a scholarly bus and boat tour detailing the 1814 (hey, wait!) invasion routes the British used. Ralph Eshelman will give lectures about the war along the way. ***Darnall's Chance House Museum, 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md.; Sat., 8 a.m., $65; 301-952-8010, History.pgparks.com.***

3 Forget Globally, Act Locally

Target made Columbia Heights a destination, but the real draws now are the myriad local yoga studios, bakeries and pho joints that make it feel like a real neighborhood. On Columbia Heights Day, browse shops and restaurants, exercise with your neighbors, and check out local bands. ***Harriet Tubman Elementary Field, Kenyon Street NW between 11th and 13th streets; Sat., 10 a.m., free; Columbiaheightsday.org. (Columbia Heights)***

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Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) **RealD 3D: (!) 10:45-3:45-8:45Movie** Times
Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 9:15
Frankenweenie (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:10-1:45-4:20-6:45-11:30
Looper (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:15-1:15-4:10-7:15-10:15
Dredd (R) Digital Presentation: 1:30-6:30-11:45
Dredd 3D (R) RealD 3D: 11:00-4:00-9:00
Won't Back Down (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-12:50-4:00-7:00-10:00
Taken 2 (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:30-11:30-1:00-2:00-3:30-4:30-6:00-7:00-8:30-9:30-10:30-11:00-12:00
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: (!) 12:15-2:45-5:30-8:10-11:00
Resident Evil: Retribution (R) Digital Presentation: 12:40-5:45-10:45
Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) RealD 3D: 10:10-3:10-8:15
Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:00-1:50-4:45-7:30
End of Watch (R) Digital Presentation: 11:45-2:30-5:15-8:20-11:20
Frankenweenie: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX;RealD 3D: (!) 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
The Master (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 12:00-3:15-6:30-9:45
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 1:15-6:15-11:10
Pitch Perfect (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:20-2:15-5:00-7:45-10:45

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 4:45-7:45

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Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 12:05-4:35-9:20
Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 10:05-2:40-7:10
Frankenweenie (PG) Digital Presentation: 12:20-4:55-9:30
Looper (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:20-2:10-4:50-7:40-10:20
Won't Back Down (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:40-1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05
Taken 2 (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
End of Watch (R) Digital Presentation: 12:00-2:35-5:10-7:50-10:25
Hotel Transylvania (PG) Digital Presentation: (!) 2:20-7:00
Pitch Perfect (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 11:10-2:00-4:40-7:30-10:15

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org

Diana Vreeland: The Eye Has to Travel (PG-13) 1:00-3:00-5:15-7:30
The Queen of Versailles (PG) 3:15-8:00
Won't Back Down (PG) (!) 12:45-5:30

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street NW www.landmarktheatres.com

The Oranges (R) 1:10-3:20-5:30-7:40-9:50-12:00
Samsara (PG-13) 4:35-9:35
The Other Dream Team (NR) 1:20-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:00
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 2:25-4:55-7:25-9:55
V/H/S (R) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30-12:00
The Master (R) 12:30-2:00-3:30-5:00-6:30-8:00-9:30-11:00
Stars in Shorts (NR) 2:05-7:05
The Paperboy (R) 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
An American in Paris (NR) 12:00AM
Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13) 12:00AM

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com

Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 9:30-11:50
Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 12:40-3:00-5:10-7:30-9:50-12:00
Frankenweenie (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:00-2:10-4:30-7:05
House at the End of the Street (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 12:30-3:15-5:50-8:20-10:45
Looper (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:00-12:35-2:55-4:40-6:20-7:20-9:10-10:20-12:40
Dredd 3D (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 9:35
Won't Back Down (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:10-3:50-9:45-12:30
Resident Evil: Retribution (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:05
Taken 2 (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:15-1:00-2:50-3:40-4:10-5:20-6:30-7:10-8:00-9:00-10:00-10:40-11:55-12:45
Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:20-3:55-6:50-9:25-12:05
End of Watch (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:35-12:20
Hotel Transylvania (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:15
Pitch Perfect (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 12:20-12:50-3:30-4:15-6:40-7:40-9:40-10:30-12:25

West End Cinema
2301 M Street NW http://westendcinema.com/

Arbitrage (R) Richard Gere & Susan Sarandon!: 2:20-7:00
Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) 9th Smash Week!: 4:40-9:30
Sleepwalk With Me (NR) Mike Birbiglia wrote- directed and stars!: 4:00-6:00-8:00-9:50
Escape Fire: The Fight to Rescue American Healthcare (PG-13) 2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40

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The Master (R) 70mm;no passes: (!) 7:10-10:00; (!) 1:40-4:20
Arbitrage (R) 12:50-3:00-5:10-7:20
Coliseum: The Champions (Colisee: Los Campeones) (NR) AFI lantin american film festival;no passes: (!) 5:15
Juan of the Dead (Juan de los muertos) (NR) AFI latin american film festival;no passes: (!) 11:45
Detropia (NR) no passes;silver babies: (!) 11:05AM
Father's Chair (A Cadeira do Pa) (NR) AFI latin american film festival;no passes: (!) 9:30
The Master (R) 35mm;no passes;silver babies: (!) 11:00AM
Anna's Struggle (La lucha de Ana) (NR) AFI latin american film festival;no passes: (!) 9:45
Clandestine Childhood (Infancia clandestina) (NR) AFI latin american film festival;no passes: (!) 7:15
Jaque Mate (NR) AFI latin american film festival;no passes: (!) 11:30

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Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) CC-Closed Captions;RealD 3D: 1:00-5:30-10:00
Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC-Closed Captions;RealD 3D: 1:00-3:00-5:15-7:20-9:30
Frankenweenie (PG) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: 10:45AM
House at the End of the Street (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:50-1:10-3:30-5:55-8:20-10:45
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Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 12:55-5:55
End of Watch (R) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: 10:25-12:55-3:25-5:55-8:25-10:55
Hotel Transylvania (PG) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: 10:45-3:15-7:45
Pitch Perfect (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 10:15-12:50-3:20-5:55-8:30-10:55
Looper (R) Digital Presentation: 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:30-10:15
Won't Back Down (PG) Digital Presentation: 3:20-8:30

AMC Loews White Flint 5
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Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (!) 2:40-7:35
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Pitch Perfect (PG-13) Digital Presentation: (!) 1:20-4:20-7:50-10:35
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Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) 1:05-4:05-7:15-10:05

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Looper (R) Digital Presentation: (!) 10:15-1:10-4:20-7:40-10:40-11:50
Won't Back Down (PG) Digital Presentation: 10:10-1:00-4:00-7:10-10:20
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The Intouchables (R) 1:45-4:20-6:55-9:25
The Oranges (R) 1:55-4:45-7:05-9:15
Arbitrage (R) 1:40-4:10-7:00-9:20
Sleepwalk With Me (NR) 1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:45
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1:35-2:15-4:00-4:40-6:45-7:35-9:00-9:55
The Master (R) 1:50-3:35-4:50-6:30-7:45-9:30

Regal Bethesda 10
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House at the End of the Street (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 1:50-4:35-8:00-10:25
Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: (!) 3:15-9:45
The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:10
Frankenweenie (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:00-6:30
Looper (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15
Won't Back Down (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 2:00-4:50
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Rock of Ages (PG-13) 7:15

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Frankenweenie in Disney Digital 3D (PG) (!) 1:30-6:40

TV weekend lookout

Caught Up in History

'Upstairs Downstairs' revival returns to PBS with a focus on war

Fall Premieres

SUN 9:00

Eager costume-drama fans waiting for the return of "Downton Abbey" can feast on a second helping of the revival of the PBS "Masterpiece" classic "Upstairs Downstairs." It's the kind of programming some watch for the plot, while others obsess about the frocks, furniture and wallpaper.

The private lives and public follies of the aristocratic class and its stoic servants unfold against the backdrop of gathering war clouds. It's 1938, and Adolf Hitler is determined to invade Czechoslovakia. Londoners are so certain of another world war that authorities issue gas masks as antiaircraft blimps float over a nervous city.

This season's "Upstairs," while beautifully produced and flawlessly performed, seems too caught up in the Great Sweep of History. Sir Hallam Holland (Ed Stoppard) is shown trying to stop Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's government from appeasing Hitler, and later the whole family embarks on a mission to rescue Jewish refugees from the Nazis.

Meanwhile, as we learned last season, decadent fascist Lady Persephone Towyn (Claire Foy) is still caught up with Hitler's inner circle. It's not that all this isn't interesting, but you long for a nonideological squabble between maids. And yet, even the "Downstairs" crew is caught up in events, when exacting butler Mr. Pritchard's (Adrian Scarborough) past as a conscientious objector earns him the scorn of other staff members wounded and widowed in the all-too-recent war.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

COURTESY NICKWALL/BBC FOR MASTERPIECE

Sir Hallam Holland (Ed Stoppard, left) and Lady Agnes Holland (Keeley Hawe, right) share a moment looking up at the stars in PBS' "Upstairs Downstairs" remake.

Best Bets

FRI 8:00

A Night at the Movies (TCM) "Hollywood Goes to Washington" examines the film industry's portrayal of politics. Interviewees include actor/politician Fred Thompson and James Carville. A screening of "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," right, follows.

SAT 11:30

Saturday Night Live (NBC) Craig. Daniel Craig. The big screen's current James Bond hosts, and if the writers are smart, they'll take the opportunity to have some fun with Craig's most famous role. Music is provided by the English rock band Muse.

SAT 11:59

Austin City Limits (PBS) The British alternative rock band Radiohead takes the stage to open the long-running music series' 38th season, performing songs from its 2011 album "The King of Limbs."

SUN 9:30

The Good Wife (CBS) Working his first case since returning from suspension, Will turns down a low settlement offer in hopes of getting a bigger payout for the cash-strapped firm. Alicia (Julianna Margulies, left) gives Peter's campaign an unexpected boost. Maura Tierney and Nathan Lane guest star. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Remakes

Southern Comfort

An African-American cast brings to life the smart Southern women of Robert Harling's stage play "Steel Magnolias" (Sun., 9 p.m., Lifetime), which was first brought to the screen in 1989 by Sally Field, Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton. Queen Latifah, above; Phylicia Rashad; Jill Scott; Adepero Oduye; and Condola Rashad — Phylicia's daughter — star in this remake. (TM)

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Blog Log

"Hey, can someone let me know when this 'DC as a sports town debate' is done so I get back on Twitter? Thanks in advance."

— @SCHAMBERLAINSBN quickly tired of the discussion that started when former Washington Post sports columnist Mike Wilbon said in an interview with ESPN The Magazine that D.C. was a "terrible" sports town. He later backed off those comments, saying it's "pretty good."

"It's hard to believe that 'The Princess Bride' was released 25 years ago, but here the cast is, 25 years older to prove it's really happened. ... PLUS, in an interview with 'The Today Show,' Robin Wright admitted that she was totally in love with Cary Elwes, as any sane woman would have been."

— Emerald Catron at THEFW.COM looks back fondly at the campy love story after the group reunited to celebrate the anniversary and Blu-Ray release.

"At first blush, these reasons seem nonsensical and contradictory. The commission wants to encourage drivers to operate around the ballpark, so they have a surcharge to create an incentive for drivers to head to the ballpark. But then, they want drivers to not all cluster around the ballpark, so they have a surcharge for drivers to go elsewhere. Don't these just cancel each other out?"

— Erik Weber at GREATERGREATERWASHINGTON.ORG can't figure out why the D.C. Taxicab Commission announced Wednesday that taxis could charge an extra $1 per passenger when Nats playoff games are in town, only to see that measure rejected by Mayor Vincent Gray.

"Wow. Kitchen Aid has a Twitter team?"

— @GAYRIGHT had no clue that the kitchen appliance maker was into social media but learned after the group issued an apology for posting an offensive tweet about President Barack Obama's grandmother during Wednesday's presidential debate.

"The Hulk Hogan sex tape is online, huh? I don't want to see him wrestle, and I sure as hell don't want to see him having sex."

— @JUSTINDKENDALL doesn't plan to seek out the video that reportedly shows the former wrestling star in a secretly recorded video, publishing by gossip site Gawker.com.

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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You know what is expected of you, but you may have a hard time getting started today. Once you do, momentum should pick up rather quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have a great deal to offer, but the timing may not be right. You may find yourself cooling your heels for a while.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your schedule may have been unusually hectic recently, and if so, you'll welcome the opportunity to rest a little today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're going to want to follow the rules to the letter today. Even though you know what you're doing, there's always something to learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be racing against the clock thanks to another's unwillingness or inability to provide assistance you were promised.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You mustn't let yourself be sidetracked by something that seems to be perfect for you. It's only a ruse!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are asking a great deal of those around you at this time, and one or two may actually be able to provide it. They're the ones for you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be able to maintain a steady pace today, which will give you the advantage over competitors who are struggling a bit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be asked to prove your theories today; if you cannot, it will be time to let someone else take the reins, at least for a while.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're likely to receive an unexpected boost from someone who has been lurking in the shadows. What happens next is anyone's guess!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You've put someone else in an awkward position, and only you are able to get them back out of it. Work quickly and efficiently!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You mustn't take the feelings of others for granted; the affection and support you enjoy is more important to you than you think.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 165-175, BEST SCORE 241

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A1	E1	E1	Z10	L1	G2	L1	3rd Letter Triple	
								RACK 3
E1	I1	N1	T1	T1	C3	X8	Double Word Score	
								RACK 4
A1	E1	K5	L1	T1	F4	S1		

Yesterday's Solution

I1	N1	F4	L1	A1	T1	E1	RACK 1 =	60
P3	U1	D2	D2	L1	E1		RACK 2 =	10
P3	A1	R1	O1	L1	E1	E1	RACK 3 =	60
S1	E1	I1	S1	M3	I1	C3	RACK 4 =	83
PAR SCORE 140-150							TOTAL	213

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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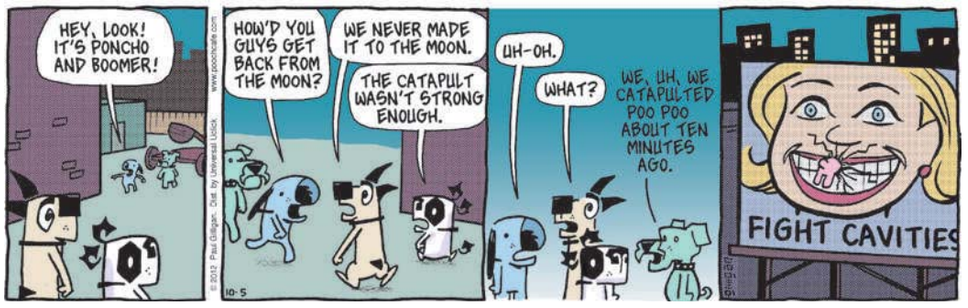

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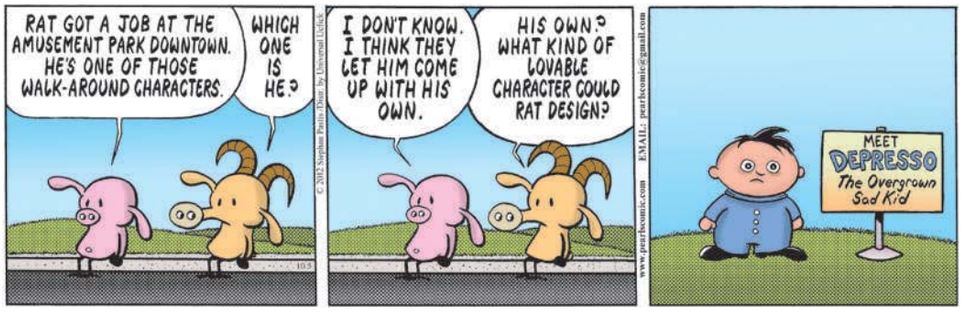

Forecast

82 | 62

Today: Mostly sunny, warm and less humid today. Patchy clouds tonight.

76 | 51

Tomorrow: A shower tomorrow afternoon. Mostly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
57 | 47	64 | 45	69 | 52

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:08 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:44 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:07 p.m.
Moonset today: 12:11 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 72
Record high: 94
Normal low: 55
Record low: 34

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Crossword

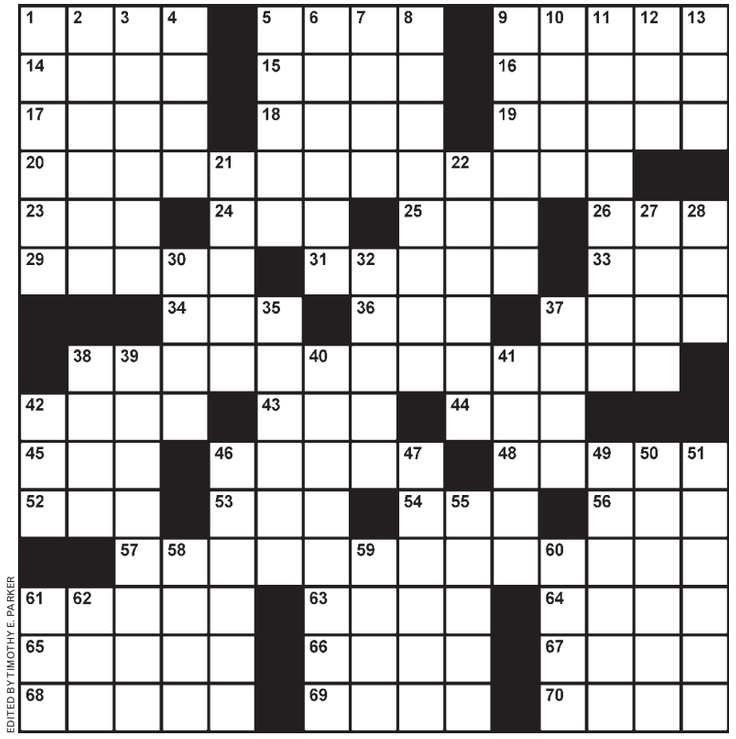
GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

ACROSS

1 Teen dreamboat
5 Hauls before a judge
9 Small-eyed burrowers
14 Wolfe on the trail
15 Unattractive fruit?
16 The creme de la creme
17 Quartet with a defection
18 Weekly service
19 High school social event
20 Is super heroic
23 Commotion, to old poets
24 Source of some strange visions
25 Nay opposer
26 KGB figure
29 Gossipy sort
31 From Japan
33 Bartender Szyslak on "The Simpsons"
34 Five before six?
36 Use one of the five Ws
37 Get all breathless
38 Strain the brain
42 Has fun with bubble wrap
43 League named for a plant
44 Thieves' retreat
45 Artist Jean
46 Apply with might
48 Everyday disinfectant
52 Neighbor of Virgo
53 Simple melody
54 Homage in verse
56 Airline of yore
57 "You bought it, you own it"
61 Unbroken work period
63 The Pineapple King
64 Copied someone else
65 Towing appendage at the rear
66 It can be measured in square yards
67 Spelling of Hollywood
68 Swords used in an Olympic event
69 Prison rec area
70 It's heard in the Highlands

DOWN

1 Where work accumulates, for many
2 Scorn and mock
3 Devout petition
4 "Check that out!"
5 Large Japanese wrestlers
6 Lake George locale
7 "What ___can I say?"
8 Not even close to macho
9 Middle of the road
10 Patron saint of Norway
11 One involved in a face-off
12 Abbr. for those who didn't make the list
13 Have a vision
21 Argot
22 Disclosed, as secret data
27 Pollywog's home
28 "But on the other hand ..."
30 Clothing, slangily
32 Woodland reveler of myth
35 Cure-all potion
37 Like a Maine forest
38 Use an auger
39 Directly across from
40 Commonplace
41 Messy fight
42 Best bud
46 "At the ___ Core" (Edgar Rice Burroughs novel)
47 Stonemason's chisel (Var.)
49 Intoxicated state
50 One side in NFL negotiations
51 Young Scotsman
55 Pre-tax-audit feeling
58 Storybook beginning
59 "... ___ lender be"
60 Destiny
61 Seller of sea shells
62 Jar drop-in



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Yesterday's Solution

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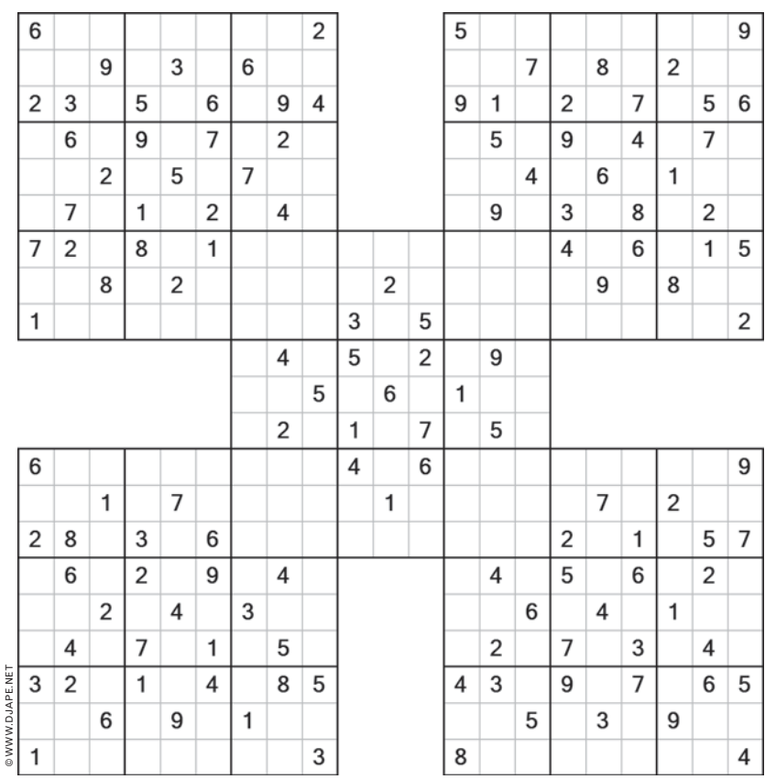
Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution

1	6	2	3	7	9	4	8	5
7	8	9	4	5	6	3	1	2
3	4	5	1	2	8	7	9	6
6	9	7	8	1	3	5	2	4
8	1	4	2	6	5	9	3	7
2	5	3	9	4	7	1	6	8
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7	9	8	4	5	3	6	2	1
5	8	9	6	1	7	2	3	4
6	2	7	5	8	4	1	9	3
2	3	6	5	8	4	7	1	9

Today in History

1947 President Harry S. Truman delivers the first televised White House address, discussing the world food crisis.

1962 The Beatles' first hit recording, "Love Me Do," is released in the U.K. by Parlophone Records.

1974 American David Kunst completes the first round-the-world journey on foot, taking four years and 21 pairs of shoes to complete the 14,500 mile trip.

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Oh No She/He Didn't!

Anderson Cooper said during a segment of "Anderson Live" that Star Jones annoys him. "I was unaware she was even on TV still," he said of Jones, who accused him of coming out in order to increase his show's ratings. "I seem to recall [Star] hocking her wedding every single day to get free products when she was on 'The View,'" he observed. (EXPRESS)

PARENTING

'I'm Not Blaming My Kids. Well, Maybe Aaden, a Little'

Kate Gosselin told Katie Couric in an interview Wednesday that she and Jon Gosselin would have divorced in 2009 with or without doing their reality show, "Jon & Kate Plus 8." "The signs were always there, and obviously having eight kids in a short span of time didn't help that," Gosselin said. "And I'm not at all blaming my kids, I'm just saying." (EXPRESS)

CHARLES LEONI/GETTY IMAGES FOR GUESS

James Franco is so entitled at this point, he thinks his shoe commercial should get an Oscar nomination.

SHAMELESS

He Says 'Short Film.' We Say 'Ad.'

James Franco's latest career move: directing a short film for shoe designer Stuart Weitzman. Four vignettes, which will debut on the brand's Facebook page, follow model Petra Nemcova as she takes a nighttime walk. The first installment went live Wednesday, and the entire film will be available Oct. 26. (AP)

Victims

LiLo: Don't Look at Me

Approximately $127,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from actress Julianne Moore's New York City brownstone. Police said Thursday that a necklace, bracelets and watches were reported missing. They say the theft occurred at the home, which was under renovation, some time between June 6 and Aug. 28. There have been no arrests. (AP)

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TIRED PLOTLINES

Popular Crowd Spreads Lies About Brazen Newcomer

Nicki Minaj said she wanted to shoot Mariah Carey, Carey told Barbara Walters, who repeated the assertion on "The View" on Thursday. Walters said Carey said Minaj said, "If I had a gun, I would shoot the [expletive]." Minaj tweeted, seemingly in response, "I don't call tmz n Barbara Walters cuz I stand on my own two feet." (EXPRESS)

"I was actually bullied at my public school when I would leave to film. Whenever I came back ... girls and boys would call me names."

—**LINDSAY LOHAN** COMPLAINED VIA TWITTER THAT SHE WAS BULLIED IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE TWEET WAS LATER DELETED.

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